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New president named by Board

Pennsylvania college chief to head Southern

New president gives educational beliefs

Dr. Donald Darnton, newly named president of Missouri Southern State College, has expressed his philosophy of education as follows:

"The majority of college students expect that their college education will directly assist them to achieve their career expectations. This job orientation of students is not a new phenomenon in American higher education, but, I believe, that it will be a strong force in the coming decade. Since change will continue to be a characteristic of our society, most of our students will have more than one career during their lifetime.

"If we do not address ourselves to the employment expectations and offer career oriented majors, we fail our students. At the same time, we know that there is more to college than preparation for a job; and we owe it to our students to see that they get the full benefit of what we have to offer. We rely on the general education component of our curriculum to ensure that students can communicate effectively, can analyze clearly, are aware of the cultural and social forces that have shaped our lives, and have a basis for setting their personal values. These abilities enable students to lead richer lives, but they are also essential for any career. The career oriented major and the general education core are interrelated, not separate, components of the curriculum. Effective communication, for example, is not simply the responsibility of writing and speech courses, but should be an integral part of each course.

"Continuing education serves both the career and life-enrichment goals of students. The former is seen in the ever-present need to keep abreast of one's field and in the need to prepare for a change in career. Short courses, workshops, conferences are all ways in which colleges help people meet these needs. On the other hand, many people simply want to learn more about things that interest them. As people continue to have more and more leisure time, learning for the sake of getting more out of life will take on added significance. Growth in the number of older and parttime students who take single courses rather than entire programs of study will continue. To meet the responsibility of providing continuing education it is necessary to take courses off campus to where the students are rather than force students to come to the campus.

Our society had witnessed great changes in the aspirations for higher education. Many students come to college today who, only a decade ago, would not have considered college an option available to them. Expectations have risen more rapidly than has the preparation of these students, as measured in terms of traditional criteria. Public institutions of higher education have an obligation to serve the needs of these newer students. I lean more toward open admissions than toward restrictive screening that admits only those whose success in college is almost guaranteed. Opening the doors, however, places responsibilities on colleges that are not called for under a highly selective admissions policy. Support services must be provided. Liberal admissions and concomitant support are appropriate for the public sector but open graduation cannot be tolerated. The baccalaureate degree must stand for something more than attendance. Course requirements must continue to be rigorous, a challenge for all. The less prepared student cannot expect lower standards, but can look forward to help to meet the standards which will give meaning to the degree which he/she seeks.

The academic program is the heart of any institution of higher education, but a college is more; it is comprised of a spectrum of extracurricular activities. While every student should give priority to academic activities, he/she should expect more from the college experience. The multitude of extracurricular activities—publications, athletics, student government, performing arts, etc.—add richness and variety. Kept in proper perspective, the academic and extracurricular opportunities found at a college offer a balance and breadth that exist in no other institution.

The primary role of a college president is leadership. It must be exercised both on and off campus. Internally, he generates ideas about the directions and goals of the institution, and then argues their merits in order to mold bases of support which will lead to their adoption. In the development of goals and policies the president must insist upon broad-based, open discussion and debate among the several pertinent constituencies; but final decisions generally rest with the president and/or board. Leadership must also be given in the implementation of policy, the day to day administration of the college. Here, the focus of attention is not on open debate, but on the thoughtful exercise of judgment by many administrators, based on their individual expertise. Externally, the president is the spokesman for the college. His is the key role in telling the institution's story to its many publics: the legislature, the alumni, the local community, business and industrial interests, etc. The goal of such efforts is both public and private support for the college to enable it to serve the people.

Although the administrative staff has evolved as a unit which is distinct from the teaching faculty, it is both desirable and possible to have a high level of rapport among students, faculty, and administrators. Almost all academic administrators have faculty backgrounds, and it is good for them to continue some faculty-like activity—teaching or research. Such behavior serves as a reminder of the similarities they share with the faculty, and it ensures that administrators do not become removed from and lose touch with the central purpose of the institution: the education of students. Nor can such administrators forget the importance of support services in facilitating the teaching and research efforts of the faculty. Faculty and staff both are employed for the purpose of serving the needs of students, and anything that points out the commonality of the two groups helps each to appreciate their interdependence in achieving the goal they share.

—Donald C. Darnton



Dr. Darnton shed his coat as he talked with Chart reporters for nearly an hour and a half Friday afternoon after a reception in honor of the new president and his wife in the new addition to the College Union. (Photo by Kevin Kollmeier)

Darnton is informal with Chart reporters

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He sat in the open room with his jacket draped over the back of the chair. Fielding questions from reporters is not a new experience for the 47-year-old educator, but he would rather talk in more relaxed surroundings, preferably in his own living room.

"I like people. You have more contact," he said of communication between students and faculty outside the academic atmosphere.

In an exclusive interview with *The Chart*, newly-appointed Missouri Southern President Donald Darnton, along with Jerry Wells, president of the Board of Regents, sat down to discuss plans for Southern.

BUT ONLY AFTER he'd shed his coat and asked his wife Joyce to join the group did the interview begin.

Like her husband, Mrs. Darnton plans to leave to leave the lines of communication open to the campus community.

"When they are in your home," said Mrs. Darnton of student and faculty, "it is quite different. You have contact with them in a different

way, in a non-professional way. We have had various student groups in our home...We have had many really good times with the students. I think there are a lot of students who feel comfortable about coming out. And I feel that that's good.

Within the college grounds, Darnton said responsibility lies with the school to aid students in attaining career goals.

"IF WE DO NOT address ourselves to the employment expectations and offer career-oriented majors, we fail our students," said the new president.

Darnton, however, said a liberal arts education had merit since most students will go into a second job sometime in their lives. He said a liberal arts education is useful no matter what vocation a student enters.

"The value of a liberal arts education is, first of all, you can never take away from a person what he has learned. And that makes for a better person, whether they ever get a job or not."

Because Missouri Southern has placed students in jobs, Darnton refuted the reputation of the college being a "glorified high school."

"PART OF IT is telling of the story. Generally speaking, a college reputation lags a decade behind what is reality."

"You've got to plug it (the reputation) and beat people over the head with it. It's a problem of whether they are listening or hearing what you're saying," he said.

Darnton also said the school had to work to upgrade curriculum and extracurricular activities, regardless of their present state.

"It can always be better than it is," he said.

The president emphasized writing skills, saying teachers on campus should start demanding well-written papers saying "ultimately, you are going to provide it."

HE ALSO SAID that communication, computation and understanding the culture is important regardless of the student's major. There is, however, another side to learning, according to Darnton, who said both

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Dr. Donald Darnton will assume office

Dr. Donald C. Darnton, since 1977 the interim president of Pennsylvania's Mansfield State College, has been named president of Missouri Southern State College.

Dr. Darnton who assumed the interim presidency of Mansfield in 1977 agreed at that time under state policy not to seek the permanent presidency of the college. In accepting the position, he moved up from the position as vice president for academic affairs, a post he had held since 1973. He served as acting president of the college in the spring of 1976.

HE WENT TO MANSFIELD after eight years at Virginia Polytechnic Institute where he had served as associate professor of economics and as director of special academic programs. Previously he was an instructor and assistant professor of economics for six years at Ohio University.

He holds the doctor of philosophy degree in economics from the University of Michigan (1961), the master of arts in economics from the University of Michigan (1956), and the bachelor of arts in economics from the College of William and Mary (1953).

During his tenure at Mansfield State College, new degree programs have been approved in business administration, computer information sciences, studio art, community psychology, associate degrees in allied health in cooperation with Robert Packer Hospital, and a joint physics-engineering degree with Penn State. For high school students the college has initiated a speech and theater spring workshop, a mathematics contest, and a National Honor Society College Day. The number of people participating in continuing education classes has increased from less than 100 to more than 2,000.

DR. DARNTON HAS SERVED as an evaluation team member for the Middle States Association, as a fellow of the Resource Center for Planned Change of AACSB, as member of the executive committee of the Pennsylvania Consortium for International Education, as a member of the Personnel Committee and the Academic Affairs Committee of the State College System, as coordinator of the Pennsylvania State College and University energy task force, and as a charter member of the MSC circle of Omicron Delta Kappa, national leadership honor society.

When Dr. Darnton assumed the interim presidency of the college, the institution was operating at a deficit, enrollment had decreased, and faculty retrenchment was a likely result. Dr. Darnton, it is said, brought the college to fiscal responsibility without retrenchment, increased enrollment, and increased appropriations for the college from the state legislature. He is described as a financial genius with a great talent for working with legislators.

From 1965-1973 at Virginia Polytechnic Institute he taught courses in economics, was assistant department head, and supervised the work of graduate teaching assistants. When he became director of special academic programs his responsibilities included the honors program, study abroad, cooperative education, the visiting scholars program, and new faculty orientation, among other duties. Other assignments included the Commission for Undergraduate Studies, University Library Committee, Board of Directors of the Virginia Tech Athletic Association, chairman of the advisory boards of the YMCA-VPI, and secretary-treasurer of the southern section of the regional science association.

AT OHIO UNIVERSITY where he served from 1959-65, he taught courses in principles of economics, regional economics, international economics, and economic history. He was the first faculty member of the College of Business to receive outside funding for research. Later he organized and was the first director of research for the college. Other assignments included the University Research Committee and the editorial board of the Ohio University Press.

In 1968-69 he was an American Council of Education Fellow in Academic Administration at the University of Utah. In the summer of 1964 he was a Ford Foundation recipient to attend a faculty seminar on regional income at the University of Washington. In 1962 he participated in the National Science Foundation summer institute in regional science at the University of California at Berkeley.

He has a long list of research activities and scholarly publications.

THE NEW PRESIDENT was born March 29, 1932. His wife, whom he married in 1954, is the former Joyce Springer. They have one son, L. Randolph, born in 1955, and one daughter, Rebecca, born in 1957.

He has been active in the work of the Presbyterian Church, the Boy Scouts of America, the Rotary Club, the Chamber of Commerce, and the United Cerebral Palsy campaigns.

He is regarded as one of the top college presidents in Pennsylvania's system of 14 state colleges, most persons contacted listing him in the top three of the state's top college administrators.

Dr. Darnton pays visit to newsroom

Work on this special edition of *The Chart* began at 7 a.m. Saturday and continued throughout that day and the following.

Saturday morning about 9, President Darnton and Jerry Wells, president of the Board of Regents, strode into *The Chart* office.

Dr. Darnton shook hands with staff members at work and chatted briefly about *The Chart*. He expressed his appreciation to the staff for working on the edition.

The new president also spoke of his gratitude for the letters from the secretarial and maintenance personnel which appear inside this edition.

Here is a quick look at the new president of Missouri Southern:

NAME: Dr. Donald Charles Darnton.

EDUCATION: B.A. in Economics—College of William and Mary, 1953.

Master of Arts in Economics—University of Michigan, 1956.

Doctor of Philosophy in Economics—University of Michigan, 1961.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Mansfield State College, Mansfield, Pa., 1973 to present.

Interim President, 1977-79.

Vice-President for Academic Affairs, 1973-1977.

Acting President, Spring, 1976.

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, 1965-1973.

Associate professor of Economics. Director of Special Academic Programs.

Ohio University, 1959-65. Instructor and Assistant Professor of Economics.

Director of Research in the College of Business.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS:

American Council of Education Fellow in Academic Administration, University of Utah, 1968-69.

Ford Foundation Summer Faculty Seminar on Regional Income, University of Washington, 1964.

National Science Foundation Summer Institute in Regional Science, University of California at Berkeley, 1962.

MISSOURI SOUTHERN GRIDIRON REVIEW

30's

Little can be said about the later 1930s when discussing Lion football except that it was a starting point. Like the newly-formed Joplin Junior College, the Lion gridiron program was taking its first painful steps.

The squad was small in numbers, the equipment primitive (at least by today's standards), and the facilities makeshift, but the heart and determination of the players, coaches, and fans was fierce.

By 1938, the junior college was able to field a team of 20 players. The coach was Bill Collins, and the star and captain was a 180-pound back named Loyd "Big Shaf" Schaffer. Described by the local newspapers as a "slashing, stormy, speedy runner," Schaffer led the young Lions to a 1-6 season. Though the year could not be regarded as successful in terms of won-loss statistics, an important foundation had been laid for the future. Proof of this was very much in evidence the next year when the Lions closed out the decade with a much improved record of six wins and three losses.

40's

The charges of head coach Bill Collins ushered in the new decade with a disappointing 3-5-1 record, but the 40s would prove to be a time when athletics in Joplin, as well as the rest of the United States, ceased to be of major interest. With the outbreak of World War II, many students turned in their flannels for uniforms, and exploits on the football field were replaced with tactics on the battlefield.

After the war ended and America was on her feet again, college football across the nation started anew. In 1946 Joplin Junior College had a new coach, Linn Stair, and the Lion squad had many new faces. Among these faces was one Floyd Belk, a name very familiar to current MSSC students.

Belk and teammate Bill Jeffers were named co-captains of the squad, and led their team to a record of four wins against five losses. Even though the Lions finished out the next two seasons with 2-7-1 and 3-5-1 marks, the gridiron program was gaining valuable experience which would pay off very soon.

The 1949 campaign proved to be the turning point in the fortunes of Lion football. Amassing a fine 7-2 record under the direction of second year coach E.R. Hodges, the Lions finally established themselves as a team which would have to be reckoned with in future years.

50's

Perhaps the major story of the 50's was the success of the teams coached by Dudley Stegge (now serving in the position of College Union Director at Missouri Southern). In the 1954 season, Stegge's charges scored six wins against only three defeats. A year later, they put together another fine season and finished with a mark of 4-1 in the tough Interstate Conference.

During the 1956 season, the Lions not only posted a highly respectable 6-1-1 record, but also boasted a second-team Junior College All-American halfback named Bob Speedy. The best, however, was yet to come.

By any standards, one of the high-water marks in the history of Lion football took place in 1957. One needs only to glance at the stats to see that this was truly an awesome team.

Finishing at 7-1, they outscored their opponents 305 to 32, an average of 38 points to the opposition's 4 per game. In that same time span, the rugged Lion defense shut out the opposing offense a total of six times.

In addition to outstanding coaching and fine team play, the Lions also got a great individual performance from Myrl Gunn. Gunn, a 6'1" 205-pound fullback, earned the distinction of becoming the school's first player in history to receive the National Junior College Athletic Association 1st-team All-American Award honors.

Rounding out the decade, coach Stegge's Lions finished 5-1-1 in 1958 and 7-1 again in 1959. The 7-1 mark gave Joplin their third consecutive Interstate Conference title.

60's

Like the preceding 10 years, the Lions enjoyed a great deal of success. After up and down seasons in the early portion of the decade (4-4 in 1960, 5-3 in 1961, 3-5 in 1962, and 5-2-2 in 1963), the Lion football program took off in high gear.

Under the direction of first-year coach Ron Toman, the Joplin eleven finished at six wins and three losses in 1964, but a stellar year was just around the corner.

The 1965 season proved to be the best ever in the junior college's history as the Lions put together their first undefeated season and ended the year ranked number three in the nation. As the 1966 college yearbook described it, "...the key word was PERFECT. Ten wins, no losses, and another Interstate crown... the 1965 Lions had all of the ingredients for a perfect year. ... leadership, team work, depth, and an extensive series of plays."

Although the taste of success had been sweet in the junior college ranks, a new challenge for the Lions was on the horizon. Stepping up in class into four-year collegiate competition, the now Missouri Southern gridders experienced a new lesson from the school of hard knocks. Like any program moving up into a more difficult level of competition, the Lions had to once again work their way back up the ladder—a fact very evident by the identical 2-8 records they suffered in the 1968-69 seasons.



70's

Thus far, the 1970s have been a period of improvement, transition, and winning football teams. The list of accomplishments in the current decade is impressive.

In 1972, the Missouri Southern Lions went 12-0 through regular and post season play to capture the N.A.I.A. Division II championship under the direction of head coach Jim Frazier. For this accomplishment, Frazier earned the distinction of being selected the N.A.I.A. Football Coach of the Year.

In 1975, Missouri Southern moved from its cross-town football facility into a sparkling new synthetic-turfed stadium on campus. At the current time, MSSC's Hughes Stadium is still the only collegiate facility with artificial grass in the state.

In 1976, MSSC became a member of the Central States Intercollegiate Conference after competing eight years as an independent. The eight teams comprising the league from Missouri, Kansas, and Nebraska, have aided in creating additional goals and rivalries between colleges which are basically alike in educational philosophy as well as athletic endeavors.



Dr. Darnton calls for excellence, pride in work

Upon being announced as the new president of Missouri Southern, Dr. Donald Darnton made these remarks to the College faculty, staff, and support personnel:

"Thank you. In all of our contacts with MSSC, Joyce and I have been made to feel welcome and wanted—this is the pinnacle of that feeling."

"In introducing me, Mr. Wells has spoken of the future of MSSC. You are the future of the college more than I. My role is to give leadership—but what this college will be will be the summation of the contributions of each of you."

"Leadership is presenting proposals for directions for the college and for ways of achieving them; arguing the merits of those ideas; building support for them; so that you will be convinced that they are right for MSSC."

"Leadership is building support for the college—telling the story of MSSC. Telling its story to you. Often we become so engrossed in the work of our own department or office that we are not cognizant of what is happening elsewhere on campus—we cannot see the forest for the trees. It is my job to ensure that you have a complete picture of your college. The college story must also be told to the alumni, to the many facets of the local community—business interests, agricultural interests, local governments, etc.—and to the legislature. The aim of this story telling is to garner the resources we need to achieve the missions and goals we set."

"The only way I can succeed in my role is to work with you—Faculty Senate, Student Senate, the various standing and ad hoc committees—and so I look forward to working with you and getting to know you."

"What do I see in the future for MSSC? Let me approach this question in four ways: some national trends and then three points as related to the college itself. National demographic patterns show a shrinking traditional college age cohort and that has implications for enrollment levels. The tax dollars we need and depend on are becoming more difficult to obtain. The proposition 13 syndrome will cut the supply and competing demands will make it more difficult for higher education to

obtain its 'fair share' of tax funds. Looking at these trends, some educators foresee a future of stagnation—of going nowhere. Their thinking is in the context described by a long forgotten New Hampshire law—'When two vehicles meet at an intersection, each must stop and neither shall proceed until the other has gone.' That is a picture of despair. That kind of future may be possible—but it is not inevitable and I am confident that it will not happen to us."

"Now let's turn to MSSC. As a four year institution of higher education, we are relatively young. The college has been born and grown; it is firmly established as a viable segment of the Missouri system of higher education. With its existence assured, it is now time to define what the college will be. I believe that we should focus on quality and on an identity unique within the state."

"I would hope that MSSC can be widely recognized as a place where students can get a good education; where faculty are concerned about students; where students are seen as individuals, not as computer numbers. Faculty should define course and program goals; set high standards for achievement; and teach with expertise and enthusiasm. For both the associate and baccalaureate degree, requirements consist of both generic and specific achievements. The former is defined by general education requirements, one aspect of which is effective communications—both written and oral. Faculty sometimes tend to place sole responsibility for this skill on the department of languages and literature. In my view, that is unfair—every course should deal with the requirement; it is in the daily routine that effective use of the language is vital."

"Students at state colleges are career oriented and the major program of study should reflect this job interest. This requires that faculty keep abreast of the discipline and keep curricular requirements up to date."

"A good college education recognizes that academics is the number one priority, but is also aware that college is more than the classroom. There is a wide range of extra-curricular activities—publica-

tions, athletics, student government, performing arts, etc. Students should be encouraged to participate."

"I believe that MSSC is at the point that it not only should focus attention on quality but also should develop its mark of distinction, its individual identity. I am too new to know what that should be. It can be derived only through discussion and debate which are broadly based."

"Let me share an example of what I am suggesting. In light of the region the college serves, we might decide to develop into a center for rural studies. That would not necessarily involve any special administrative organization, but would lead to a focus for programs and activities."

"The business program might emphasize preparation for small business operations, for independent ownership of business—and shy away from training for the large, multinational corporations: General Motors, Texaco, etc. The law enforcement program could center attention on the needs of small towns rather than densely populated major urban centers. The TV series 'McCloud' was developed around the differences of police methods in Taos, New Mexico, and New York City. Health, Physical Education, and Recreation might focus on recreation—so close to the Ozarks this would seem to be a natural. A host of activities might be slanted to highlight the rural character of the discipline and the rural nature of the region."

"I am not proposing today that Missouri Southern become a center for rural studies; I use it as an illustration of how an identity can affect many facets of the college."

"Our predecessor junior college was founded by the community 42 years ago, and the four year state college was established with community cooperation. It is important that this cooperative relationship be continued and nurtured. The college serves a multi-county region in the southwest corner of the state, and that service goes far beyond two and four year degree programs offered on this beautiful campus. It means seeking to identify the variety of educational needs of people throughout the region and finding ways to meet those needs. Continuing education can offer credit and non-credit courses, conferences, workshops,

etc. These may be offered anywhere in the region that an adequate need exists; the faculty may go to the students—the reverse of our traditional pattern."

"Regional service should include the fine arts. The complex in which we are now is an outstanding facility and it should be a major focal point for cultural activities for the region. It would be poor utilization of the taxpayers' money to limit these facilities to the college community. Performances and exhibits should be open; we should encourage the public to attend; we should explore joint sponsorship of events with community organizations. I am not proposing something that is not already being done; I am underlining its value and asserting my commitment to its continuation and growth."

"Missouri Southern, first and foremost, is a teaching institution. Success here does not require faculty to do research; but neither do we want to discourage research. I would argue that research can enhance the quality of teaching and can be a form of regional service. Applied research is feasible and can be a direct benefit to the region. The Physics faculty, for example, may not be able to do basic research requiring sophisticated accelerators, but it can study alternative, simple means of solar heat. Faculty consulting services could assist regional businesses, school districts, local governments, etc. The college constantly needs to reaffirm its responsibility to the region and it can best do that by serving the needs of those who live here."

"And so, I see MSSC as a well established, viable institution. We will face problems that are and will be common to all of higher education. But we can meet those challenges and grow in stature. I suggest a striving for quality, a definition of the college's mark of distinction, and continuing cooperation with the community and region."

"These are a few thoughts on the future of MSSC. The faculty study conference will be held on August 22. By that date I shall know you better and have a better understanding of the region. Against that background I plan to share with you additional ideas, additional possibilities, for the future of Missouri Southern."

"My final point this afternoon is to urge all of us to approach our work with a sense of pride—pride in ourselves, pride in doing a good job, and pride in our college. We have a new, excellent, and well maintained physical plant in which we can all take pride. The support of Congressman Taylor and of Senator Webster is a measure of their interest and pride in the college and is something of which all of us should be proud. You each know better than I the various good facets of this college. I have ahead of me the excitement of learning what those are. But there is something I know about Missouri Southern which most of you do not."

"I know the manner in which the

search and screening committee and the Board of Regents conducted the search which led to my appointment. They did a thorough job. It was obvious to me they had put in long hours. They knew what they were seeking; they knew my background, and they probed to see how the two might fit. In the search process I saw reflected the high caliber of people who comprise Missouri Southern and the quality of the college. It made me want to join you and I am grateful that I am able to do so. It's with enthusiasm that I look forward to this challenge, to working with and getting to know you as a part of Missouri Southern State College, and to making the college the envy of our sister institutions throughout the state."

Dr. Darnton informal with Chart reporters

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faculty and student senates are useful advisory bodies."

"They are not bodies that make decisions. But they are bodies where issues get debated, thrashed out, amended and passed through as advice," he said.

The president explained that student and faculty organizations are often the starting point for ideas that may be eventually enacted as policy.

Darnton also said athletics was another extracurricular activity that served as a training ground.

"IT'S A CASE; intercollegiate athletics should be fun for those who participate. You have teams that are made up of all freshmen and sophomores; that seems to say there's something wrong, that they start and they disappear from it. I would hope that as an overall view you know I am not opposed to national championships at all; they're nice. But I don't think you fire coaches because they don't win championships."

"I hope that year in and year out we are a little better than 500." Expanding activities in and out of classes calls for a sizable budget. Said Darnton, "You do your

darnedest to get the resources that you need and try to live within them. I think the president has the responsibility that when the legislature acts, you have your resources."

Mansfield State College, where Darnton serves as interim-president, is located in north central Pennsylvania. The college itself has an enrollment of about 2,800 full and part time students. Unlike Southern, 70 percent of Mansfield students live on campus.

HE'S LEAVING MANSFIELD. However, because he found that he "likes" being president. Under state law, the graduate of William and Mary College could not seek the presidency on a permanent basis.

"I took a look around to see if there were some presidency on a permanent basis."

"I was notified that this was a possibility. It was the kind of institution where my interest is," he said.

Upon his tour of the Southern campus Darnton said that he had never been employed by a college where the majority of students lived off campus.

Before the announcement Friday, Darnton had visited Missouri Southern twice. He was impressed with its physical plant.

...we pledge our support and offer our help, as together...

KAPPA MU EPSILON

President: Thomas Smith

Sponsors: Mary Elick and Dr. Charles Allen

It used to be the Math Club. But its activities haven't changed. It still tutors students having math problems, sponsors Math League, sponsors College Bowl, and promotes intellectual development on campus.

Koinonia

[Christian Campus Ministry]

President: John Maples

Sponsor: Annetta St. Clair

Weekly breakfasts and luncheons, regular Bible studies, and a host of other activities are part of the services of this organization. It will appear many times in a week's calendar of events.

Lambda Epsilon Epsilon

President: Charles Todd

Sponsor: Jack Spurlin

For law enforcement majors, this organization, new to campus, promotes increased professional awareness among its members. It brings in guest speakers in the field as well as sponsoring informative seminars.

Lambda Beta Phi Sorority

(local)

President: Pam Hosp

Sponsor: Mary Lou Zarembo

The only local Greek organization remaining on campus, the sorority manages to be as active as any of the national groups.

Letterman's Club

President: Dan Allison

Not just active during each sport's season, the Lettermen engage in intramurals, as well. And they participate in as many other all-college activities as time permits.

Modern Language Club

President: Brad Neely

Sponsors: Hal Bodon and Dr. Carmen Carney

Not just a club studying languages but promoting languages as well, they sponsor the annual high school Foreign Language Field Day which attracts some 400-500 students to campus each spring. They sponsor trips when possible and foreign dinners.

MSSC Jr. Chapter of the American Dental Hygienists' Association

President: Patricia Bosley

Sponsors: Mary Ann Grembling, Sherre Conway, Mary Lou Zarembo, Pat Noifalaise

Promoting professional attitudes and care of teeth are part of their activities. They serve area residents by participating in the Elks Club mobile unit offering dental treatment to handicapped children.

MSSC Music Educators National Conference

President: Rusty Russell

Sponsor: Dr. Wayne Harrell

Two members hold state offices, they publish a regular newsletter, and they promote the spirit of professional in future music teachers. Though highly specialized, the club is an active one.

MSSC Panhellenic Association

President: Julie Nash

Sponsor: Myrna Dolence

Coordinator of Greek activities and sponsor of Greek Week, the Panhellenic Association serves the same function at MSSC as it does at other campuses.

MSSC Student Art League

President: Terry Menard

Sponsor: Darral Dishman

Promoting art and art majors, the Art League has tried weekly sack lunches, sponsored touring exhibits, has planned a dinner for graduating art majors, and is donating its time and talent to the design of a mural for the new addition to the College Union.

MSSC Student Chapter for

Exceptional Children

President: Lu Ann McConnell

Sponsors: Hilda Richardson and Michael Banks

It's the Council for Exceptional Children and it provides entertainment and educational experiences for these special children.

MSSC-S.E.A.

(Student Education Association)

President: Robin Terry

Sponsor: Dr. Leland Easterday

In the past it has sponsored sale of Faculty Cookbooks, field trips, and special guest lectures. It promotes the spirit of professionalism among future and present educators.

MSSC Student Nurses' Association

7th District

President: Patty Taylor

Sponsor: Mrs. Marilyn Jacobs

The Student Nurses have twice had the state's student nurse of the year. They sponsor the Bloodmobile on campus and promote it through competition among other campus organizations. This year's efforts produced some 100 pints of blood, or one-third of the city's quota for a three-day visit.

What do colleagues say about new president?

Pennsylvanians contacted by The Chart Saturday say the loss to the state will be tremendous when Dr. Donald Darnton assumes the presidency of Missouri Southern.

Dr. Robert E. Swinsick, dean of the School of Education at Mansfield State College, said of Dr. Darnton:

"He has served Mansfield State College in one of its most trying times, and he is to be commended for his outstanding performance. The most significant aspect of his leadership is his concern for total institution operation and image in presenting to the public quality programs. His energies and efforts have never been restricted by normal work-day limits. It would be more honest and appropriate to say that he generates two-hundred percent effort and concern."

"HE IS AN ADMINISTRATOR who is honest, dependable, cooperative, and forthright in stating his concerns. He, in turn, demands respect. I state without reservation that his knowledge, expertise, and experience will be an asset to your college."

Dr. Lawrence Park, president of Slippery Rock State College in Pennsylvania, said of Dr. Darnton:

"He has a strong sense of loyalty and a high standard of professional

"He will make your college an ideal, perhaps perfect, president."

demands it by setting high standards in his own performance. He's straight-forward, open in dealing with staff and colleagues. He's really an outstanding individual."

Talking of Dr. Darnton's relationships with students, Scott added: "He was always very much involved on campus and in the community in terms of programs here."

"I worked with him five years, and the Darntons were always entertaining faculty and students in their home."

"He is an outstanding administrator, very tuned-in to students and to happenings on campus."

"HE WAS VERY SUPPORTIVE to students, very sensitive to the needs of today's students. He has contact with them always—even as president."

"Dr. Darnton made a genuine effort to keep up with current programs. He and his wife Joyce at-

Trustees for Mansfield State College, Mrs. Ila H. Wiley, said Dr. Darnton works "very well with people at all levels and is known about campus for his diplomacy, but he has no difficulty in making hard and fast decisions when the need arises. His academic qualifications and his administrative ability have earned him a fine respect from faculty and students alike."

One person at the college described Dr. Darnton's "single fault" as perhaps being he is impatient. He

"He is. . .very tuned-in to students and happenings on campus."

likes to get on with things. He doesn't like to stand still. He wants to move rapidly."

Other faculty members described him as "excellent with legislators and gets on with them so well, in fact, we've been getting more than our fair share from the legislature. He's

had to mend some political fences in the past two years and he has done so with style."

DR. CLAY SOMMERS, president of Clarion State College in Pennsylvania, ranked Dr. Darnton "easily among the very best of the state's presidents."

Sommers said that Darnton went in as interim president at Mansfield in "a politically impossible situation. Yet he cut costs [the college had been operating at a deficit], kept up faculty and student morale. He did everything that was necessary. He took action. He did what was necessary and he did it remarkably well. He's a very, very skillful administrator. He's excellent with faculty, students, regents, and legislators."

An editorial

With the appointment of Dr. Donald C. Darnton as new president of Missouri Southern State College, a spirit of renewal is launched. It is not only that Dr. Darnton's superb qualifications mark him as a man dedicated to the principles of growth and of academic excellence, but it is that with his appointment we are launched into a new era for the development of the college.

From all appearances it will be an era dedicated to achieving academic excellence in all areas, to establishing a true community of scholars, and to building what will become perhaps the major college in the state of Missouri in terms of respect and respectability.

Dr. Darnton has spoken strongly and forcefully of his intent to make at Missouri Southern a campus second to none in its abilities to offer future students the very best possible education. He speaks of commitment, of new ideals and ideas, of new horizons. His success in achievements will be determined by the strength of those on the faculty and those in the student body who share these dreams. Certainly it is obvious the regents of the College share them.

In beginning this new era, it is possible to do so only because of the foundation which was laid by those who labored in the past. Particularly is this true of Dr. Leon Billingsly who served the College with honor and distinction as its first president. With his death the pangs of birth ended. Now begin the pangs of development.

No one believes it will be an easy task. Many long hours of work lie ahead—work on the part of every single person who considers himself or herself part of this College. There will be difficulties as some attempt to adjust to new demands, new goals, and new perspectives.

We can only believe, however, that within ten years Missouri Southern will not only have survived but prevailed, and those who thought excellence could never be built out of what was once a junior college will have been proved wrong.

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ethics. He is clearly presidential timbre by character, intelligence and experience. It would have been difficult to have found a better qualified person than Don Darnton."

Of Missouri Southern's new president, Joplin-born vice president for student affairs at Mansfield State, Robert Scott, said:

"HE DEMANDS EXCELLENCE. He demands quality of performance from everyone under him. He

tend everything together.

"I do not think you are going to be disappointed. He will do a good job. We are sad to lose him."

Dr. Swinsick echoed that thought when he said, "My one regret is that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by nature of a State Board of Education Regulation does not allow Dr. Darnton as interim president to be a candidate for the office here."

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD of

Mansfield State College is located in Mansfield, Pa., a town of 4,414 on the north central border of Pennsylvania. The nearest urban area is Elmira, N.Y.

The college, established as a normal school in 1857, is located on a 150 acre campus with 30 buildings.

Some 727 men are housed in campus dormitories, and 1,321 women are similarly housed. The auditorium seats 1,250. The library has 145,000 volumes.

The college population is about 1,200 with faculty numbering about

148 in 1972. About 1,700 students attend the college part time.

The college grants degrees in education, music, home economics,

library education, and arts and sciences.

The college grants both the baccalaureate and master's degrees.

"...it's really very much like Missouri Southern."

Only one more edition planned

This special edition of The Chart replaces the one normally scheduled for this week.

Next week's edition, to be published May 3, is scheduled to be the final of the year.

Material scheduled for this edition but not included will be in the next edition. The planned 20+ pages this week had to be reduced to 16 pages because of conflicts with the printer's schedule.

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MSSC Young Republicans

President: Robert L. Myers

Sponsors: Ray Minkler and Gail Renner

Most active during election years, the Young Republicans always promote participation in the electoral process. They sponsor voter registration drives and bring political speakers to campus.

Newman Community of MSSC

President: Marion Kelly

Sponsors: James Jackson and Charles Leitle

A vital, active group, the Newman Community sponsors religious discussions, campus masses, and greater awareness of the Catholic faith. They sponsor Bishop Law's visit to campus this month.

Omicron Delta Epsilon

President: Susan Lanz

Sponsors: Dr. J.S. Jaswal and Dr. Charles Leitle

An honorary society for those in economics, it promotes the study and knowledge of economics and honors its members with a dinner each spring.

Pershing Rifles

Commander: Gary L. Nichols

Sponsor: Major Guy Thomas

An honor society for ROTC cadets, the Pershing Rifles has distinguished itself in providing color bearers for parades and major campus events. An active organization, it participates in most college-wide events.

WELCOME TO DR. AND MRS. DARNTON

Pi Gamma Mu

(Social Sciences)

President: Cynthia Campbell

Sponsors: Judy Conboy, Donald Youst, and Tom Holman
The social science honorary has won for itself a reputation as an organization that believes in excellence. A frequent participant and winner in College Bowl, the group participates in most campus activities.

Pi Omega Pi

(Business Teachers)

President: Sandra Teeter

Sponsors: Hilda Turner and Larry Goode

Pi Omega Pi for business teachers is an organization to promote the attitudes and interests of these persons. It strives to instill professionalism in its members and to foster a habit of life-long learning.

PSYCHOLOGY CLUB

President: Richard Boyd

Sponsors: Dr. Allen Combs and Dr. Brian Babbitt

Developing interests in psychological research and assisting in mental health drive have been major club activities this past year.

RHO EPSILON CHI

President: Lindy Binns

Sponsors: Max Oldham and Pam Walker

This is the physical education department's club and its concerns include those of any departmental group—to provide a common bond for majors and a source of pride and encouragement for students in the department.

Sigma Nu

Commander: Rick McDonough

Sponsor: Conrad Gubera

One of two national fraternities on campus, the Sigma Nu's participate in intramurals, Homecoming, and drives for special interests.

Sigma Tau Delta

(English Club)

President: Janie Lindquist

Sponsor: Dr. Ann Slanina

Formerly the English Club, Sigma Tau Delta sponsors interest in literature, participated in Homecoming, College Bowl, and provided manuscript readers for The Winged Lion.

Society for the Advancement of Management

President: David Fuller

Sponsors: Bernard Johnson and Robert Miller

Promotion of sound business practices and awareness of opportunities in the management field is the aim of SAM. Keen on research of businesses in the area, it attempts to unite students with practicing businesspersons.

South Hall Council

President: Dee Ann Cable

Sponsor Myrna Dolence

Betterment of life in the women's residence hall and providing aid and recreation for residents are goals of this group which oversees the dormitory.

Webster Hall

President: Marty O'Brien

Sponsors: Doug Carnhan and Thelma Thrasher

Recreational interests, self-governance, and improvement of living conditions in the men's residence hall are the goals of the council.

Zeta Tau Alpha

President: Terri Ryan

Sponsors: Hilda Richardson and Julie Hughes

One of the sororities on campus, the Zeta's participate in all campus-wide events and are noted for their enthusiasm.

President talks on several matters

Here are views of President Darnton on various topics, as he expressed them in an exclusive Chart interview Friday afternoon.

ON LIBERAL ARTS

"The value of a liberal arts education is, first all, you can never take away from a person what he has learned. And that makes for a better person, whether they ever get a job or not. Inflation can never take away the value of an education in its intrinsic or inherent sense. It may well take away the pecuniary value of it if everybody who wants to get in the job market gets in the same one. It has been, and will continue to be, true that people will not spend their lifetime in a single career. It's liberal arts which provide the broad base that permits him to move across those career lines. . . . A feeling and understanding of the culture in which we live—that's needed. In that sense, liberal arts is important to any career."

ON FACULTY AND STUDENT SENATES

"I see the senates, and I think that's how the handbooks here describe them, as advisory bodies. They are not bodies which make decisions and have final control. They are advisory bodies where issues get debated, thrashed out, and changed, and passed on as advice. I don't think that very much gets done in higher education today where the president says thus and so and lays down the law and carries it out. No. It's not like the United States Army. People say 'why?'. And so, I see you start the other way. It may be that it starts in the department and comes up that normal structure. It may be the students living on campus who want something and they bring it up through Student Senate and try to get a broad-based support for whatever it is they're after. I make no guarantees I'll always agree with all recommendations of those groups, but I think when I don't agree with them, you go back and work through them. You don't say, 'No, period, end of discussion.' But they're advisory and they're the process by which higher education works."

ON FINANCES

"You try your darndest to get the resources you need. But I think the president has the responsibility when the legislature acts and you get your resources, to live within those resources. You might be able to go to private sources of funds and get supplements but I think that's the role of the president. But he does have the responsibility of living within the budget. Whatever it is the institution has. . . . We were in a spot this past year [at Mansfield State College] where having negotiated salary increases mandated to us, we had an increase in salaries of almost \$900,000 and an increase in state appropriations of \$300,000. That created a problem. . . . There was a management team which visited all the state colleges and universities and they said we [Mansfield] were doing the best job in the state and that we should be funded in such a way to avoid having to continue some of the things we'd done. . . ."

ON INTERACTION WITH STUDENTS

"I like people. . . more contact with more people, and in a different way, in a non-professional way. When they're at your home, it's very difficult with student groups—and we've had many—we use our dog. If you want to put people at ease and break the ice, you turn the dog loose. You just find the people relaxing and we have had many good times with students. And students seem to have enjoyed these times. They find out, we're not people you can't reach."

ON STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

"A person's education is his whole life. It's not just what you get out of a classroom. Principles of Economics is not the education. The interaction with the faculty member is part of that. Every organization a student belongs to is a chance to get involved in some leadership, to organize, to manage something. . . . that's valuable for that student—whatever the student wants to do. The more organizations there are, the more opportunities there are for more students. And I see that as good. But I think they also can affect and enhance the campus, the college, and the community."

ON STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

"The student newspaper plays a dual role. One, it's a source of information. And that is probably its primary role. It's a source of information of what's going on at the college and also beyond the college. It's an experience for the student that is involved whether you're going into journalism or not. . . being able to meet strangers, managing the financial side. The experience that the students have is the other side. The information is its product going out but the experience is the skills the students get."

ON THE 'NEW' STUDENT

". . . Particularly now, we are getting very heavily 'first generation' college students whose parents are not accustomed to college. They don't know what college is. And the students probably did not start out with any anticipation that they were going to college, and so, the kind of work they did and the kind of courses they took in high school were not the ones that in the 1950s you got in a lock-step college-prep program. That was the aim. And so they come to college—many students—with the kinds of backgrounds that faculty members are not traditionally accustomed to expecting. And that creates problems for faculty and those students. I think it's appropriate to have those students with us and to work with those students so their likelihood of success is a real likelihood, rather than a revolving door policy. . . ."

A special welcome to President and Mrs. Donald Darnton

Welcome to Missouri Southern and to Joplin. We are proud of our campus and our facilities. We believe we have the best physical plant of any college in the state of Missouri, and we intend to keep it that way.

As you launch this College into a new era of excellence in academics and programs, and as you begin to lead us into the new horizons of education in Missouri, we shall be supporting you all the way.

We share with you a renewed spirit and a renewed faith in the possibilities of Missouri Southern. We look forward to working with you and sharing with you these accomplishments.

We wish you well.

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Dr. Shipman may himself be campus' best-kept secret

Paul R. Shipman is probably one of the best-kept secrets on campus.

As vice president of business affairs at Missouri Southern, his name appeared occasionally in Chart stories concerning salaries, maintenance, or other financial matters.

He even had his picture in The Joplin Globe once; in 1965, that is, upon his appointment as vice president at Southern.

It's not that he doesn't come to his office, where he has served as executive vice president since the death of Dr. Leon Billingsly in November. Nor does he shun interviews.

It's just that he's quiet. And busy. "I have a lot of paperwork," he explained. "That's where my job centers."

Before the death of Billingsly, Shipman's duties ranged from administration and coordination of plant

development and maintenance, financial affairs, safety and security in college activities both on and off campus, general supervision of classified personnel and non-academically related personnel records of all employees, and auxiliary enterprises with regard to their business functions.

His job hasn't changed much since he took over as executive vice president, and Shipman says he doesn't expect it to alter much with the appointment of a new president.

"I'll continue to work in the same capacity, hopefully closely with the new president," he said.

Shipman said he "didn't want to sound Pollyanna about it," but that he was optimistic about the next year.

"With the presidential search committee in 100 percent agreement about the top four applicants, that means any one of those four was considered to be A-1. I cannot help but

feel he (the new president) is an exceptional individual," he said.

"My only negative feeling, as any normal person would have, is in working with someone new. I am a little concerned about it."

The vice president and Dr. Floyd Belk, interim president of Missouri Southern, met with the new president at lunch on Friday.

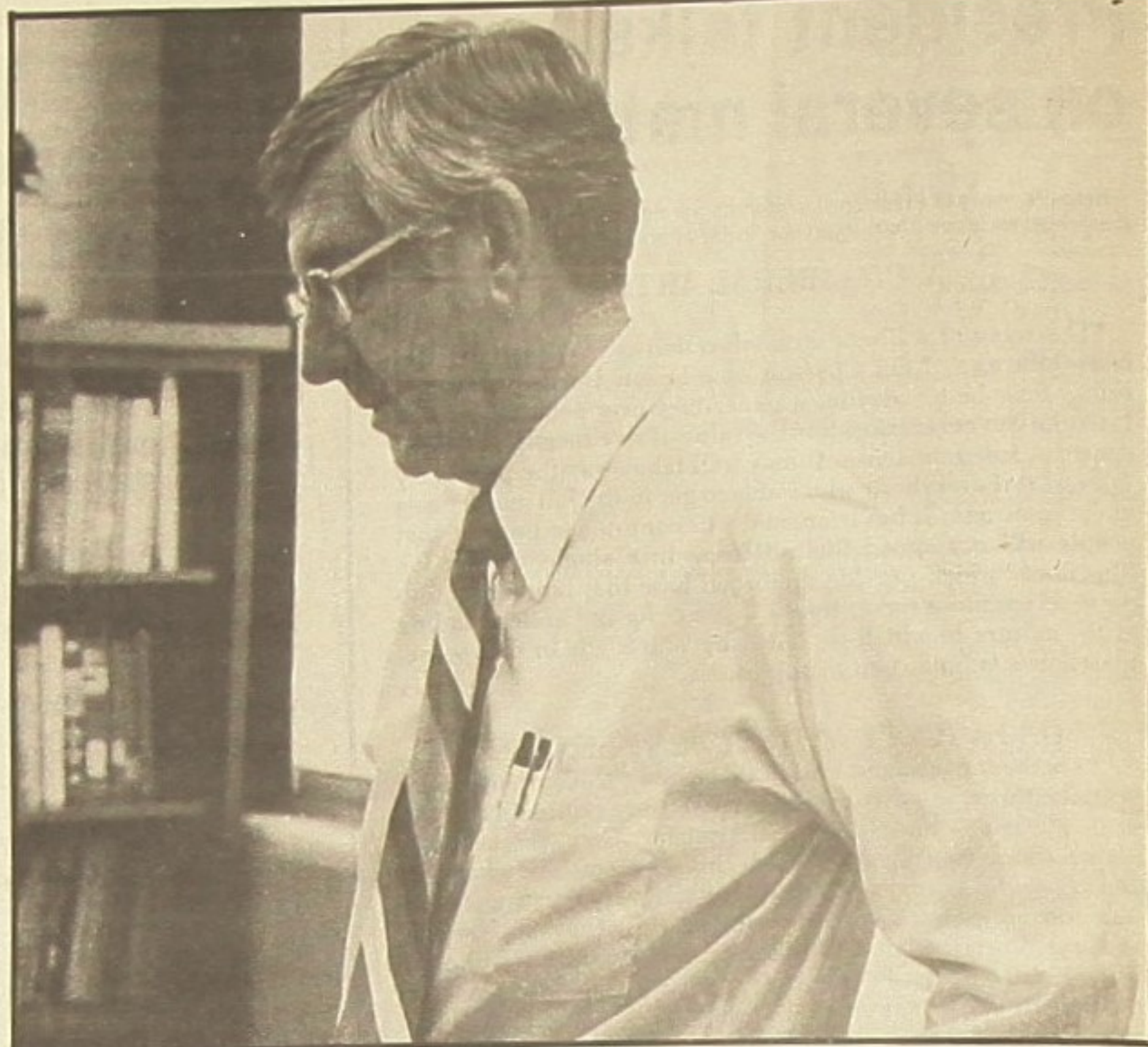
Shipman, who becomes animated at the mention of his family (He and his wife Trula and daughter Kathleen live at 2222 N. Florida Ave. His older daughter, Karen, is an accounting supervisor for Southwestern Bell in Kansas City), said he thought the new president would take over before July 1.

"That was our original target date, but I think it will be sooner."

"Even if it's not, I would say we are prepared to carry on just as long as he needs to get things situated at home."



DR. PAUL SHIPMAN



DR. FLOYD BELK

Dr. Belk here since 1966

Named interim president after the death of Dr. Leon Billingsly last November, Dr. Floyd Belk came to Missouri Southern in 1966 as director of admissions and registrar upon completing his doctorate in education administration at Oklahoma State University.

He served as dean of student personnel services, assistant dean of the college, and was named acting vice president for academic affairs in 1973 and selected for the office the next year.

A Joplin native, Dr. Belk is an alumnus of Joplin Junior College. He received his bachelor of science and master of science degrees from Pittsburg State University.

Nancy Belk, his wife, is the new president of the Joplin Women's

Club and past president for two years of the Joplin YWCA.

They have two sons. Tim graduated from Missouri Southern in 1978 with a degree in marketing and management. Todd is a junior studying theatre and is active in numerous campus organizations.

Before coming to Missouri Southern, Dr. Belk taught for 14 years in the Joplin public school system, a high school American Government and sociology teacher in 1959-62, he also coached football and 1962-65 was director of physical education for the RVIII school system.

Dr. Belk is a member of Phi Alpha Theta, history honor society, and Phi Delta Kappa, education honor society. He also belongs to the Missouri State Teachers Association, the

Missouri Association of Junior Colleges, the American Association of Academic Deans, the Missouri Association of Registrars and Admissions Officers, the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators, and the North Central Summer School Administrators.

He served 1943-46 in the United States Army.

Active in civic organizations, Dr. Belk has been a member of the Joplin Rotary Club and served on the board of directors for the Joplin Chamber of Commerce. He was mayor pro tempore of the Joplin City Council from 1968-72.

As a member of the Joplin Teachers Association, he was president in 1959-62. Dr. Belk also was on the board of directors for the First State Bank of Joplin.

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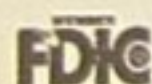
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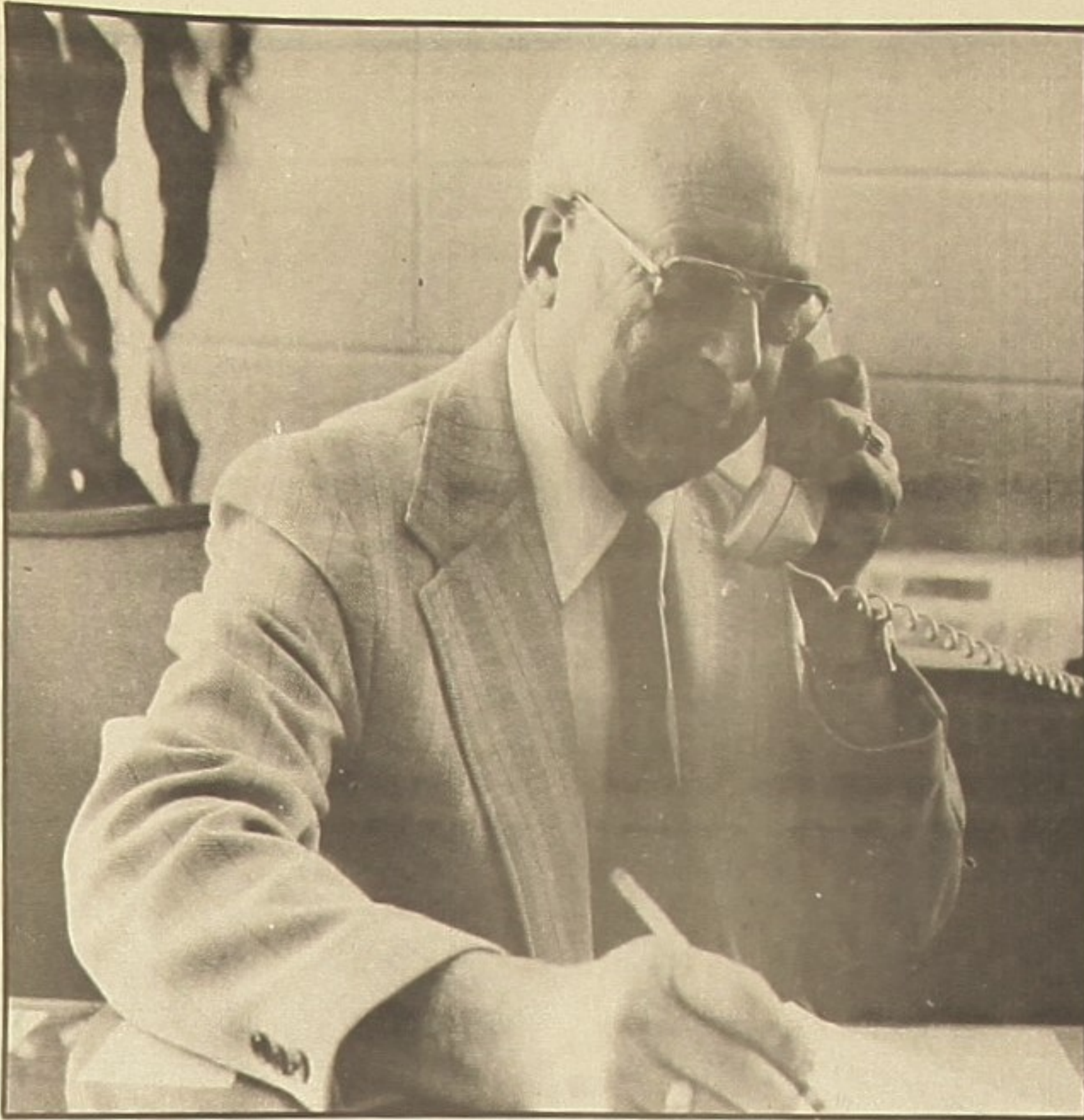
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JAMES K. MAUPIN

Maupin switched from biology to being dean of technology

"I was born on a farm near Washington, Mo., a small town southwest of St. Louis. From here I went to Central Missouri State Teachers College (now Central Missouri State University) at Warrensburg in 1940 as a biology major. I joined the National Guard unit, the 35th, which was on campus. In December of that same year we were mobilized, and we were still mobilized when Pearl Harbor was attacked," said Maupin.

Maupin was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant and was sent overseas in an Armored Division.

"I was one of the youngest to be commissioned. We were sent overseas first to North Africa, then on to

action in Sicily. After Sicily our division was sent back to England in 1943 to wait for the invasion of Europe. We were sent to Northern France on D-Day, and I was wounded a week later," stated Maupin.

Maupin was then shipped back to the United States for a 3-month stay in the hospital. He retired from the Army as a Captain in 1946. From the Army he went to selling life insurance.

"I worked selling life insurance for a year and half before I finally went back to Warrensburg to finish college. I got my baccalaureate degree there; then I went on to Pittsburg, Kans., where I received my master's,

again in biology. Then I got some graduate courses at Oklahoma State University at Stillwater. From here I went to teach biology in high school in Wellington, Kans.," commented Maupin. It was from this teaching job in Wellington, Kans., that Maupin came to Missouri Southern, which, at that time, was Joplin Junior College.

For several years he was the only instructor in biology. When the college was reorganized in 1964 and became Jasper County Junior College Dr. Leon Billingsly became president.

"When Dr. Billingsly became president he began to shift me into more administrative duties. I became dean of technology in 1966 although I had

other similar titles before that," said Maupin.

One may ask what a biology instructor doing as dean of technology. Maupin explains: "I've always had a practical approach to everything, and a variety of work experiences has taught me many types of work. Technology is involved greatly with science and physics so the difference isn't as great as one may think," Maupin commented.

When Maupin became head of technology the actual programs in technology were non-existent. The first programs that Maupin initiated were automotive technology and nursing.

"My job was to develop programs.

Wiley just kept going to school

DR. ROBERT WILEY

When most of his classmates went rushing out of Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas, glad to be rid of school for good, Dr. Robert C. Wiley, interim dean of education and psychology, turned around to go back through the doors of higher learning.

And he's been there ever since. A 1957 graduate, Wiley earned his master of education degree two years later from Trinity University. He taught school for a few years, and eventually returned to Oklahoma

State University, graduating with a doctorate in education in 1969.

He came to Missouri Southern that same year, as an education instructor.

Four years later, he was named Outstanding American Educator. He served as president of the Joplin Area Council, Missouri Association for Children with Learning Disabilities, Missouri Association for Children with Learning Disabilities.

In 1975, Wiley was elected to the Joplin school board. He was

reelected in April, 1978.

He also is the assistant director of teacher education at Southern.

His wife Lenora, who also was president of the Joplin Area Council, Missouri Association for Children with Learning Disabilities, operates a day-care center in their home at 612 Islington Place.

Besides the youngsters his wife cares for during the day, the Wileys have four children; Jeff, 21, Lynn, 17, Jane Ann, 14, and Beth, 9.

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Dear Dr. Darnton:

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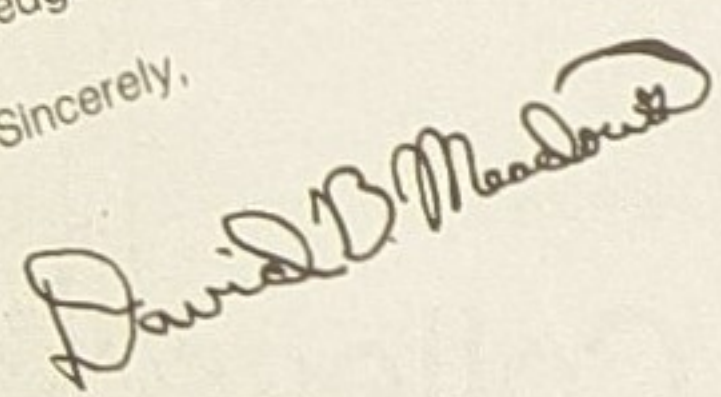
Now before us is a new era with new achievements to be attained. To lead us as new college president we gladly welcome Dr. Donald Darnton, former interim president of Mansfield State College, Mansfield, Pennsylvania.

Looking back over the selection process, I can say that it was a difficult task for everyone involved. For me it was an honor and privilege to represent the student body in the presidential search committee. There were many applicants well qualified for the position and selecting only a few took many hours reading resumes and reviewing qualifications.

It is a notable accomplishment for Dr. Darnton to have been chosen from so many applicants of such distinguished reputation. I am confident that the students will be able to work well with Dr. Darnton and will be treated fairly under his administration.

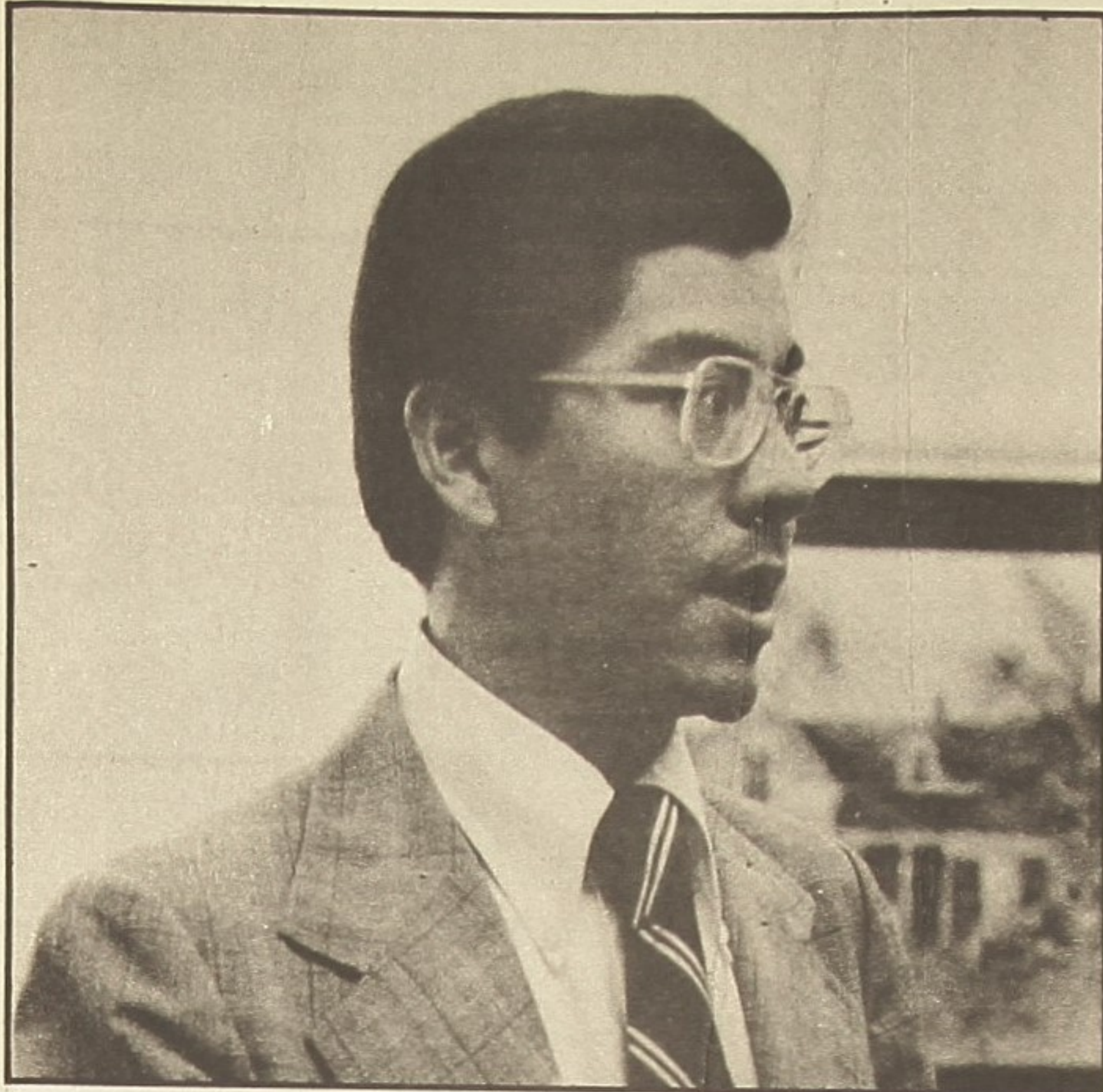
On behalf of the 1978-79 student body I extend a warm welcome to Dr. Darnton and pledge our support and assistance in any way possible.

Sincerely,



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DR. JULIO LEON

Dr. Leon, native of Chile, became business dean here in 1976

Once he received his A.B. degree from the Universidad Tecnica in Santiago, Chile, Dr. Julio Leon came to the United States to acquire his M.B.A. degree at North Texas State University, and his Ph.D. at the University of Arkansas. Leon taught at an elementary and secondary school in Chile and he taught at the University of Arkansas

while working on his doctorate.

He has been teaching at Southern 10 years, and in 1976 he became dean of the division of business administration. Originally from northern Chile, Leon chose to teach at Southern because it was close to the University of Arkansas.

"I wanted to teach at a nearby col-

lege so I could commute to the University from time to time to finish my dissertation," he explained.

Any spare time he has is spent with his wife Vivian, or is spent reading, jogging, or watching sporting events. "I consider jogging a sport," said Leon, and "sometimes I run in some races."



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Highlights in the history of Missouri Southern State

1937
Joplin Junior College established.

April, 1964
Voters created the Junior College District of Jasper County, ending the junior college's 27 years of existence as a part of the Joplin Public School System.

October, 1964
Residents of Jasper County pledge over \$300,000 toward the purchase of a campus and the creation of a building fund.

May 7, 1965
Voters of the Junior College District of Jasper County, by a vote of eight to one, approve a two and one half million dollar bond issue for the construction of a new campus.

July 22, 1965
House Bill No. 210 was signed by Gov. Warren E. Hearnes in ceremonies held in Joplin. The bill provided for the establishment in Jasper County, Missouri, a state college which shall make available third and fourth year college level courses that lead to baccalaureate degrees.

June 1, 1969
First class of 198 baccalaureate degree recipients graduate.

March 31, 1971
MSSC granted full accreditation by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

1972
MSSC Lions win NAIA Division II National Football Championship.

October, 1973
A nine-member team representing the National Council for Accreditation of Teachers inspects MSSC and education program. Preliminary reports excellent. Application for acceptance pending.

October 11, 1973
MSSC Board reduces tax levy from 45 cents to 43 cents.

November, 1973
A one million dollar general obligation bond issue voted to help defray costs of erecting a new 2,000 seat Performing Arts Auditorium and to renovate and refurbish other areas of the campus.

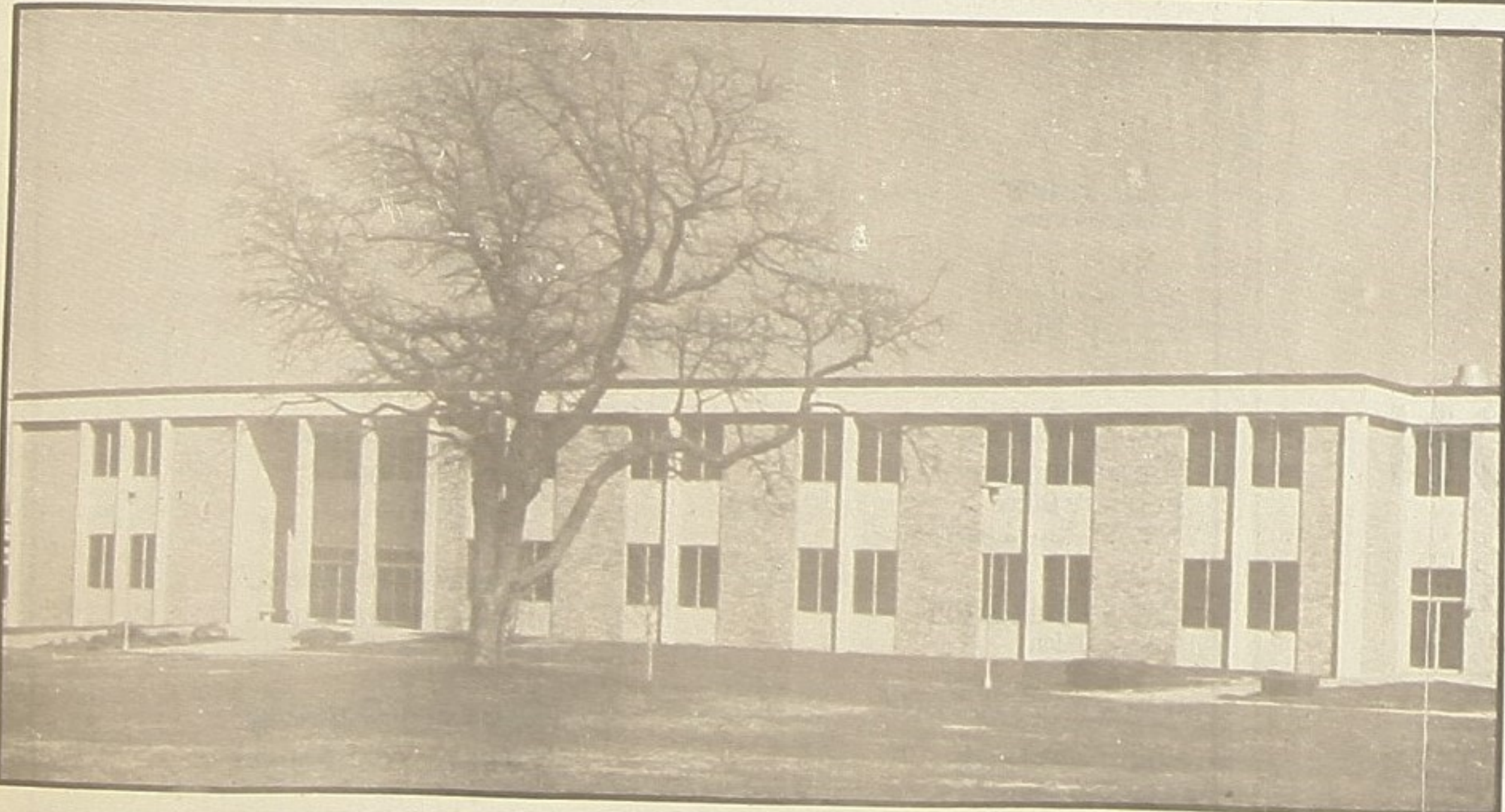
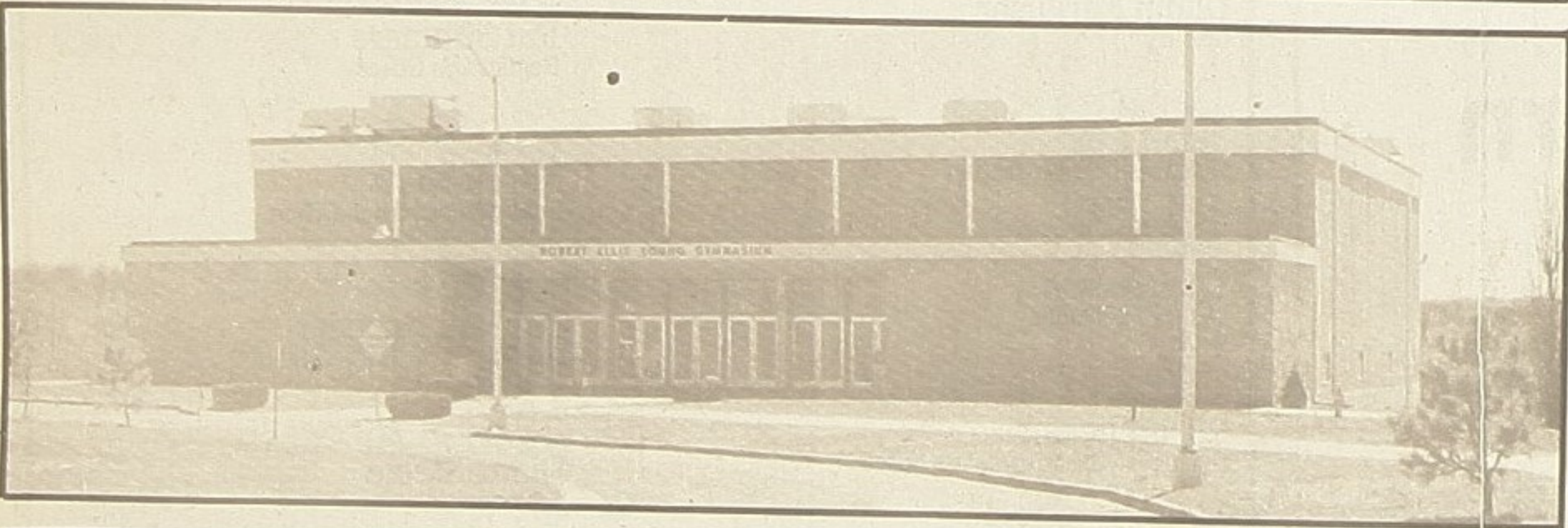
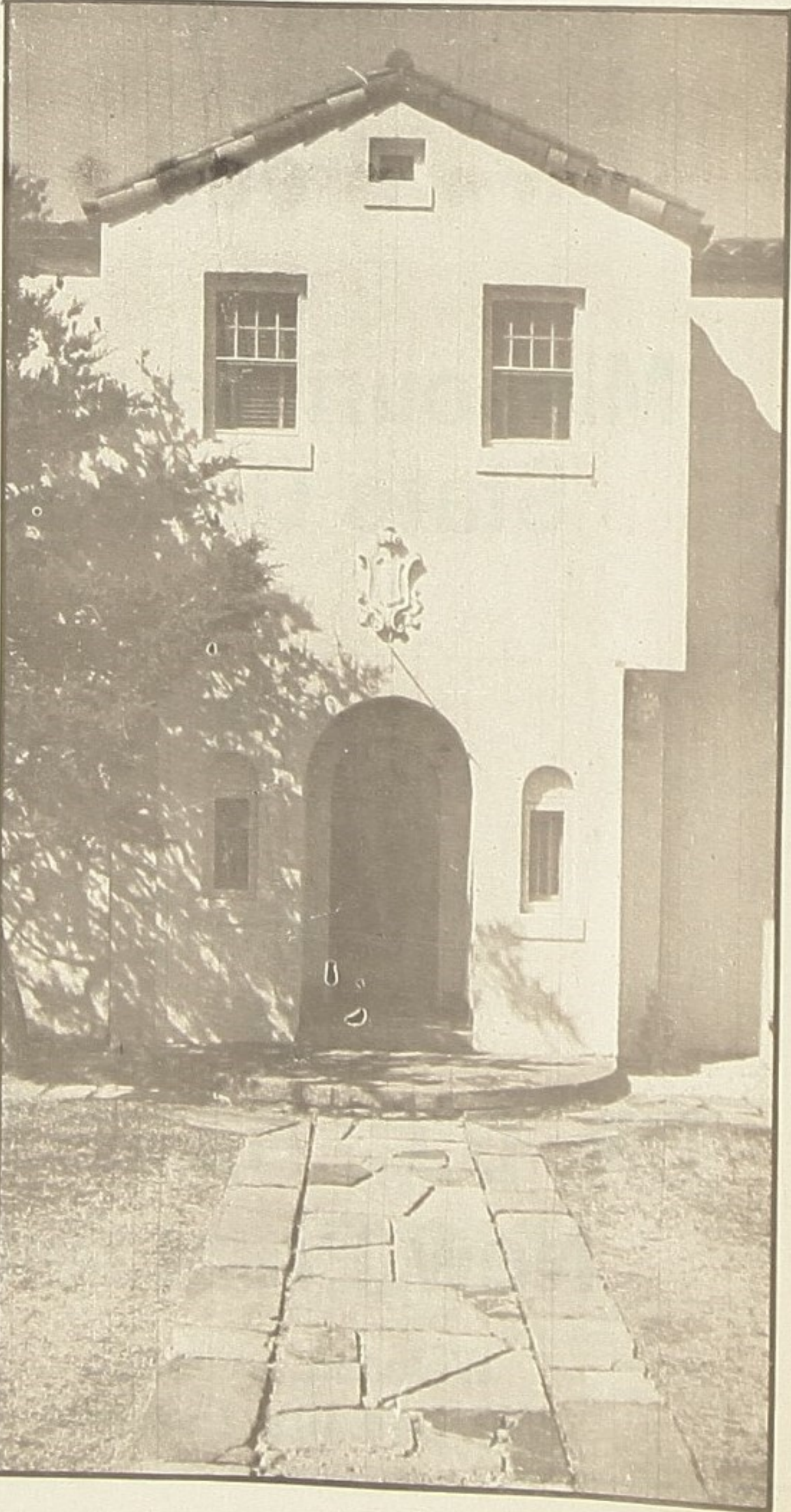
May, 1974
MSSC granted accreditation in National Council of Accreditation for Teacher Education.

September 20, 1975
Football Stadium dedicated, with the only collegiate astro-turf in Missouri.

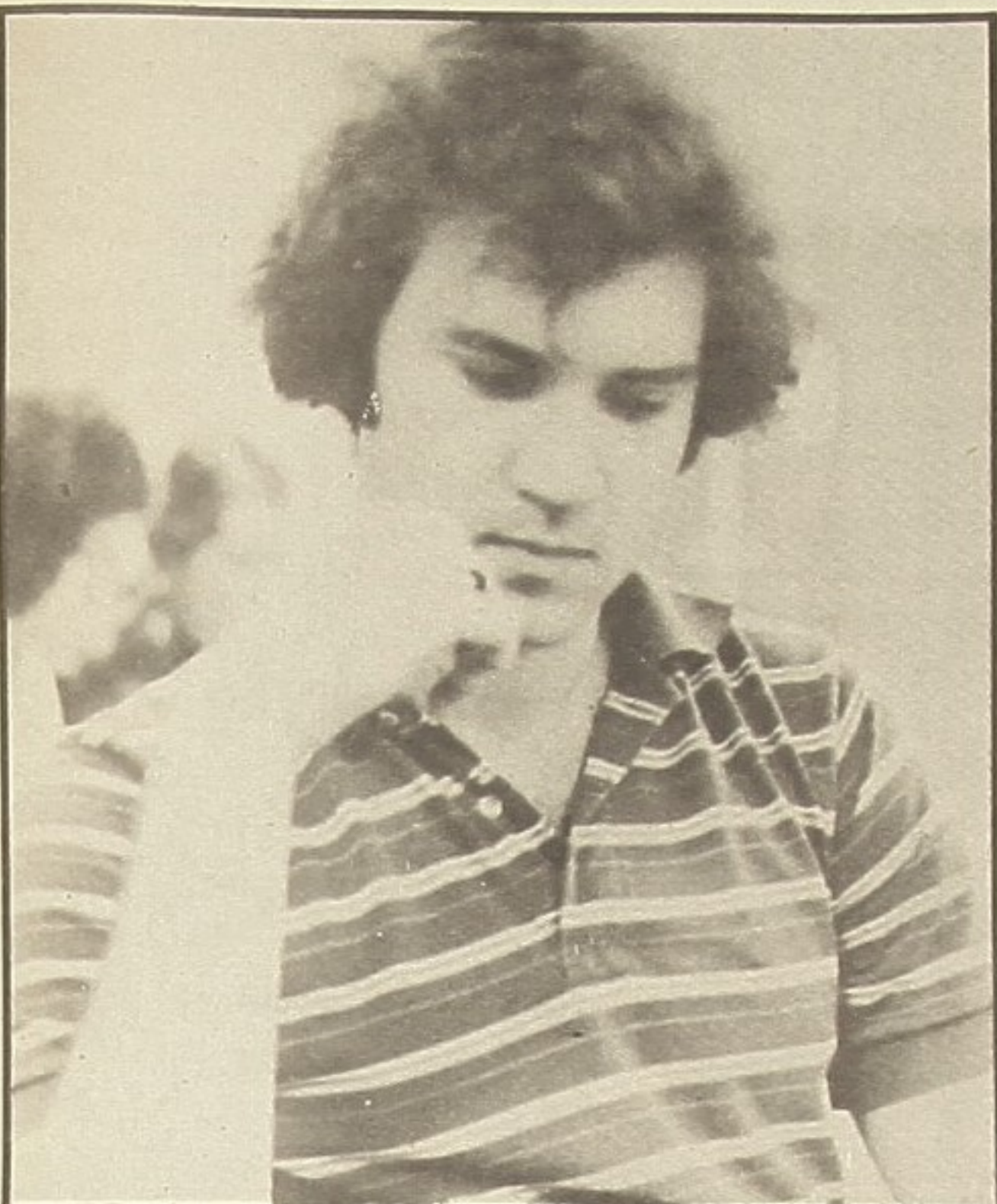
May 9, 1976
Performing Arts Center dedicated, a professionally equipped 2,038 seat theatre.

July 1, 1977
MSSC becomes fully state supported. Junior college properties transferred to the state with levy being retained for debt retirement..

Since 1968 over 3800 persons have graduated from MSSC.



They seek Student Senate offices



RICK KEELING
Candidate for President

"Terry Driskill and I will form a good foundation of leadership for Student Senate. We are both experienced in Senate matters.

"I have been the vice president of the Senate this semester and worked diligently in chairing may functions. I worked as parliamentarian the first of this year and am knowledgeable of Roberts Rules of Order for the running of smooth and proper meetings.

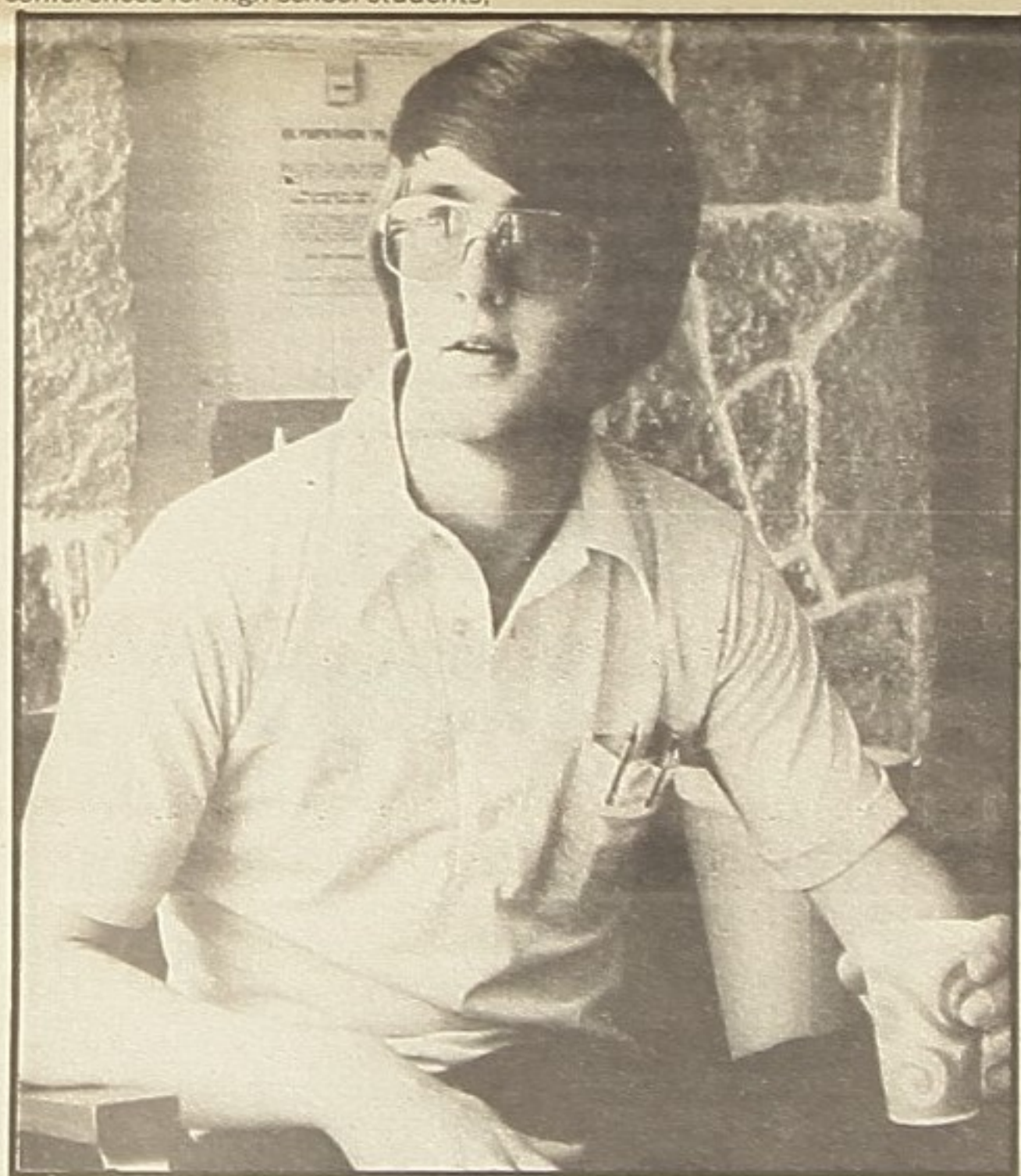
"Committees I have served on include Academic Policies, Senate Financial, and chaired the Judicial Committee, Campus Improvements Committee and Student Rights Committee.

"As a member of CIRUNA, the campus social science organization, I have participated in our Model Security Council and Historic Senate conferences for high school students,

and been a delegate for two years to the Midwest Model United Nations Conference in St. Louis. All require expertise in parliamentary procedures, research, and debate.

"Terry is a veteran of the United States Army and is used to hard work. He has proven his willingness to be a representative of the students by participating on the Senate's Students Rights Committee, the Faculty Review committee, and the Ad Hoc Committee on Dr. Billingsly's memorial.

"Terry and I will work together as president and vice president for the many needed improvements on campus. Not only is dedication to secure the necessary physical improvements students desire but also our dedication to work for the needs of academic opportunity and as a liaison between the students and the administration."



RICH BARNETT
Candidate for President

"My name is Rich Barnett and I'm running for Student Senate President. In the past three years at Missouri Southern I have assumed a leadership position in many school functions.

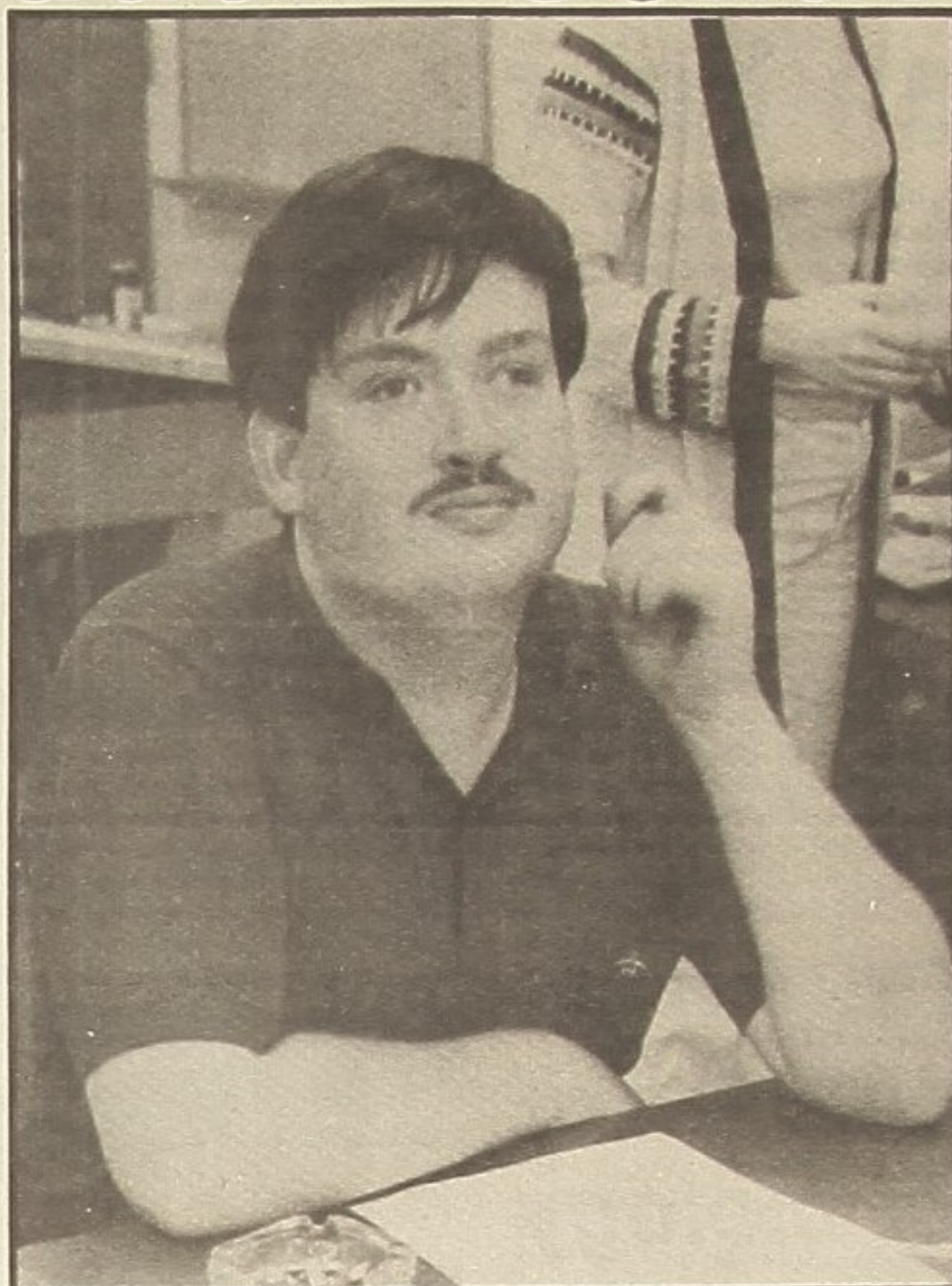
"Among other things I have held three different offices in the Kappa Alpha Fraternity and last month was the general chairman for the 3rd Annual

Dance-A-Thon which raised over \$19,000.

"For the past four years I have served as counselor at the American Legion's Boys' State, which teaches youth how our state government operates.

"I feel not having any experience in the executive aspect of the Senate will work to my advantage, as I will have new and different ideas.

"I will appreciate your vote and will strive to represent you, the students, in the best possible manner."



RICHARD BIGLEY
Candidate for President

"My name is Richard Bigley, age 25, sophomore accounting major. I have been active in the Student Senate for the last year and chaired the public relations committee. I am also a member of The Chart staff.

"I feel I have a good voting record. I helped in the Muscular Dystrophy Dance-A-Thon with the pie throwing.

"I feel I can fairly represent the students without regard to special interest groups. I believe not all of the candidates will be able to do this."

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ROBERT MUTRUX II
Candidate for President

"President, the title that turns a thousand heads at its whisper. In the company of strangers, it instantly gains the bearer prestige and honor. The word that can do all, see all, and tell all, according to the imaginations of many. So, what is this title and what duties and responsibilities are involved that can make such a giant impression?

"Orderliness, service to the public, authority, representation, organization, leadership, and persistence are qualities that produce an excellent president. According to Robert's Rules of Order, the President's primary duty is to preside over and conduct meetings in an orderly manner as accepted by rules of parliamentary procedure. Authority is to be maintained to keep members on the subject and within time limits. Committees are appointed by the President and he serves as an ex-officio member of them. On occasions, the President will be asked to speak and represent the Student

Senate so physical and mental appearance should be maintained within highly accepted customs. Coordination and organization of Senate activities, by keeping in close touch with the other officers and members, and sponsor, is imperative of a President. Finally, he should keep Senate activities moving and periodically check to insure that progress is being made.

"I, Robert Mutrux, do solemnly swear to fulfill the duties and responsibilities I have mentioned above when elected President of your Student Senate. Though the President cannot enact legislation directly, I will always have an open door and ear to any student, faculty, administrator, or organization with a suggestion and I will use my Presidential lobbying power to see that your comments are brought before the Senate.

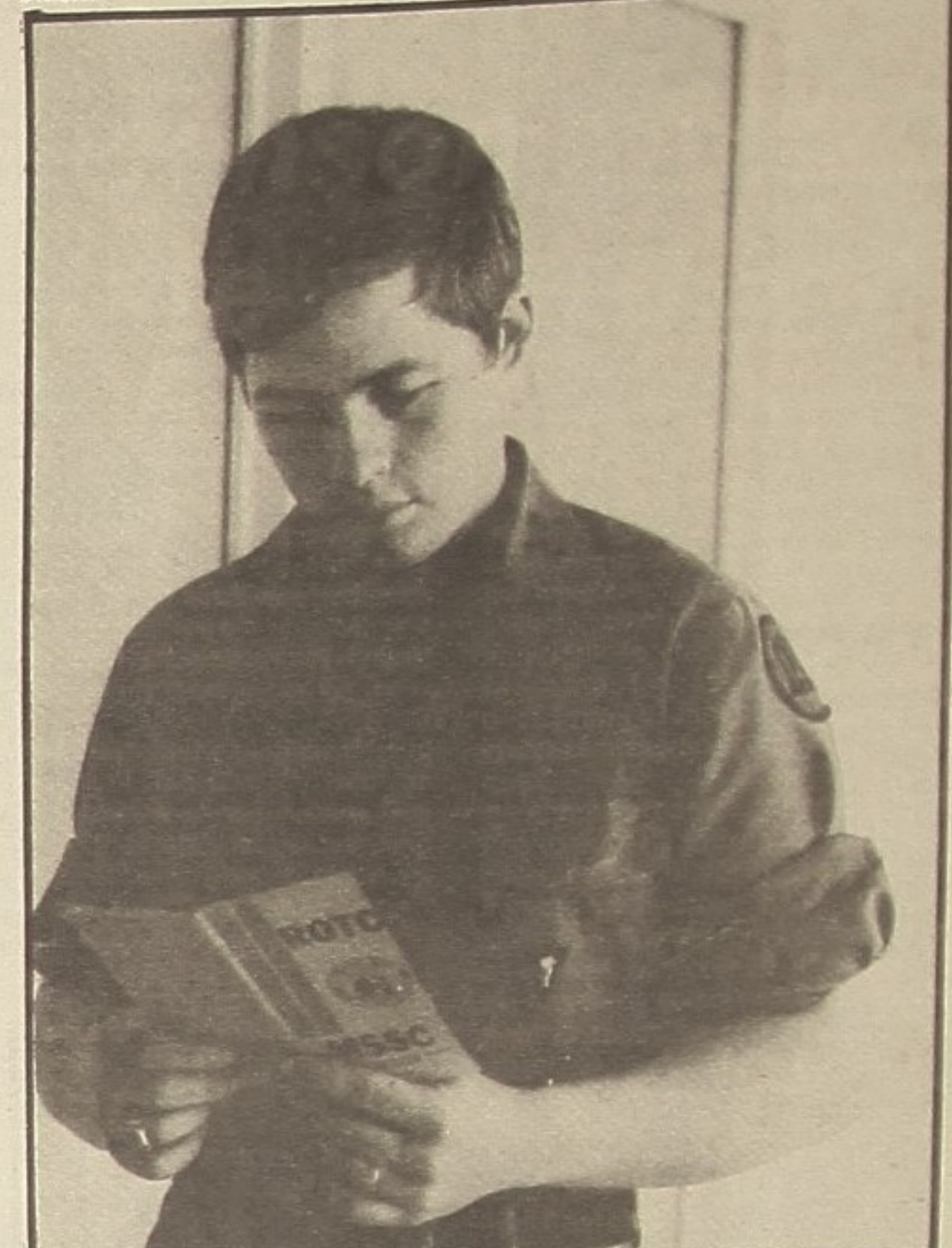
"Missouri Southern is a fine learning institution and I, when elected President, will strive to raise your Student Senate to the heights of excellence. I would appreciate your vote. Thank you!"

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The Chart last Friday asked those persons who had filed for Student Senate offices to write statements about their candidacies. These statements are reproduced here.

Elections are scheduled for Wednesday and Friday. Primaries on Wednesday will be followed by run-offs on Friday as needed.

Students present their I.D.s to vote in Hearnes Hall or the College Union.



TERRY DRISKILL
Candidate for Vice President

"My overall objective is to restore confidence and respect in student government. This can best be accomplished by remaining responsive to students' needs and attitudes. A spirit of teamwork rather than of division is what we need and what will be my contribution.

"It is in the spirit of teamwork that I have chosen to become Rick Keeling's running mate. We share the same goals and ideas and can provide consistent, competent leadership.

"Rick and I want to prepare a budget for the Student Senate funds as well as develop guidelines for their allotment. We do not want a rigid framework but, rather, a 'rule of

thumb" as opposed to the problems seen this year.

"We also wish to give the Student Grievance Committee special emphasis. This should provide the students with a forum to express their opinions to us.

"We are concerned with the proposed building of sidewalks across the center horseshoe. And, of course, we also want to continue the fine work already accomplished by the Crosswalk Committee. Great energy will be given to the Students Rights Committee and Campus Improvements Committee.

"Rick and I are both experienced in Student Government and understand its working.

"As an ex-paratrooper and father of two, I believe I will bring both experience and maturity to this position."

Swanson wins state award

Clark Swanson, editor of The Chart, last week was honored as Missouri Collegiate Journalist of the Year.

The award, given annually by the Missouri College Newspaper Association to the top journalist in Missouri's 29 colleges and universities, was presented to Swanson in Columbia during Journalism Week activities at the University there.

SWANSON IS the third member of the staff of The Chart to win the award in its four-year history. Tim Dry was the state's first winner, and Liz DeMerice was the second. Last year the award went to a student from the University of Missouri at St. Louis.

Judging for the honor is based on portfolios of works submitted, letters of nomination, grade transcripts, and other achievements.

Under Swanson's leadership The Chart this year switched to weekly publication of a 10-page full-sized newspaper. Transition to weekly publication was made possible by the acquisition of computerized

phototypesetting equipment for which Swanson became responsible in operation and maintenance.

IN CITING SWANSON for the honor, judges said of him:

"Working an average of 40 hours per week, he has become thoroughly skilled in all phases of publication. In addition to his superb writing talents, he is proficient in photography, and has an excellent grasp of make-up and layout techniques.

"Although only a sophomore, his professional approach to news coverage, his maturity, and his willingness to improve his journalistic skills have earned him the respect of co-workers and college officials alike. He has been commended for his insight in reporting complex and controversial issues, and his aid and advice is often sought by fellow staffers.

"Although he is a knowledgeable and highly competent editor, it is eagerness to go 'that extra mile' which sets him apart from his peers."

Swanson is the youngest person ever to win the award.

Convocation next week to honor top students

Some 52 students will receive awards as outstanding in their individual disciplines, and 18 others will be inducted as members of the College's Honor Society in the Third Annual Honors Convocation Wednesday, May 9, in Taylor Auditorium.

The convocation, scheduled for 11 a.m., pays tribute to those students who have excelled academically in their chosen fields of study.

Selected as outstanding students in the various majors in the division of arts and science are: Art, Patricia Provenzano; Biology, Douglas Clark Parker, Timothy Neil Oster, and Cary Frances Maloney; English, Georgiana

Menapace and Karen Jean Williams; Foreign Language, Pamela J. Tillman; Journalism, Clark Swanson; Mathematics, Robyn Lee Housman and Thomas Michael Smith; History, Michele Dian Hoffman and John Lee McKnight; Music, Stephen C. Eubanks; Physical Science, Dwaine Kenton Coates and Joh Leland Lomas;

Political Science, Cynthia Jan Campbell and Lucinda Lee Taylor; Sociology, Ila June Wise and James Timothy Morrison; Speech, Kelli Lei McDaniel Hopkins; Theatre, Mark Harris; and Para-Legal Studies, Michael Ray Woolston.

In the division of business ad-

ministration, honorees are: Accounting, Cynthia Lee Amos, Cheryl Kay Glass, and Doris A. Shelton; Business Education, Dennis Roy West; Economics and Finance, Keith Franklin Babb; General Business, Mary Ann Chapman and Mickey Alan Gold; Management Technology, David Russell Conrow; Marketing and Management, Terry Richard Driskill, Deion Jewell York, and Pamela Sue Hosp; and in Office Administration, Jann Earleen White.

In the division of education and psychology, to be honored are: Education, Dee Ann Neill, Audrey M. Scott, Janet Payne Sneddon, and Mark Monroe Russell; Physical

Education, Brad J. Bigando, Cherie Dickerman, and Barbara Ann Lawson; and in Psychology, Melissa Jane Nelsen, Richard Allan Boyd (special education).

In the division of technology, to be honored are: Automotive Technology, Kirby Kent Heimsoth; Computer Science, Kimberly Ann Thorn; Dental Hygiene, Dana Renee Hubert; Drafting and Design, Robert W. Cummins; Law Enforcement, Junius W. Jackson; Machine Technology, Tran Quang Minh; Military Science, Terry Richard Driskill; Nursing, Roxie Lee Ward; and Criminal Justice Administration, Monica Lee Blair.

Recipients of special awards include: National Business Education Award of Merit, Sandra Kay Teeter; Wall Street Journal Achievement Award, Rebecca Yocum; Greef Award (English), Georgiana Menapace; and the MSSC Alumni Outstanding Senior Award, Kathy Lay.

To be inducted into the honor society are Terri Gail Alford, Dana Ann Beezley, Richard Alan Boyd, Cynthia Jan Campbell, Patricia Ann Crane, Dean Alan Elledge, Stephen C. Eubanks, Faye Cecilia Fogerson, Pamela Marie Francis, Lee Ann Freeze, Mickey Alan Gold, Janice

Eileen Hemen, Michele Diane Hoffman, Patricia Ann Musser, Thomas Christian Puryear, Doris A. Shelton, Lucinda Lee Taylor, and Dorothy Lea Venderbol.

Members of the Convocation Committee planning the program are Hal Bodon, chair; Edith Compton, assistant professor of business administration; Mary Ann Gremling, director of dental programs; Dave L. Tillman, instructor of biology; and Edward W. Wuch, assistant professor of education.

Dr. Cooper remembers working for 13¢ an hour

Working for 13 cents an hour to pay for a college education may not sound like the easiest thing to do, but Harold Cooper, dean of arts and sciences at Southern, made his way through Berea College in Kentucky just that way.

"One way to look at it is that meals only cost 13 cents so you could afford to buy a meal after an hour on the job," said Cooper. "Berea College was sort of like the School of the Ozarks. There was no charge for tuition at Berea, and room and board was \$38 for nine weeks."

Cooper was born in Hamilton, West Virginia, which was a mining community. Cooper's father was a miner for a short time when he ventured into automotive work and finally ended up selling general merchandise.

"If it wasn't for Berea I would not have had the opportunity to go to college and receive an education," said Cooper. "While I was at college I always enjoyed history, religion, philosophy, and the law profession."

Cooper noticed that the people from the area in West Virginia where he grew up were similar to the people in the Midwest.

"Both groups of people were accustomed to having close family ties

and strong relations with their friends," said Cooper. "There was no problem adjusting to the people when I started my graduate work at the University of Nebraska."

Teaching has been a very enjoyable experience for Cooper. He has taught at Kearney State, Wesley College, and also Winona State in Minnesota.

"I HAVE ALWAYS taken pleasure from teaching but there was one major reason I had to leave Kearney and Winona," said Cooper. "It got too cold for me. I'm not one to complain about some cold weather but one time there were 17 days in a row of below 0 temperatures. The highest it would get would be -10."

Cooper has two children, a son, Kurt, age 26, who teaches math at Warrensburg, and a daughter, Jan, age 20 who is attending Culver Stockton.

Since his arrival at Southern in 1968 Cooper looks back at the growth of Southern in marvel.

"If everyone could have seen what this school started out as at 8th and Byers and then you sit in this office or any classroom and look out at the campus that has developed, it's amazing," said Cooper.

IN HIS ELEVEN YEARS at Southern Cooper noticed that the interests of the students have changed with the times.

"In the '60's the students had doubts about the war in Vietnam and were worried about the draft and if they were going to be sent off to war," said Cooper. "Students today aren't as pressured but they worry more about their future employment and careers. Inflation and the energy problem are also some very important issues."

"I am very worried about the students who will be graduating in the next few years because of the rate of inflation," said Cooper. "With the prices of homes so high many people will be forced to live in other accommodations besides homes."

Dr. Ferron chairman of biology

Dr. William Ferron has chaired the Department of Biology at Missouri Southern since 1975. He teaches general biology, general microbiology, medical microbiology, virology, immunology, and genetics.

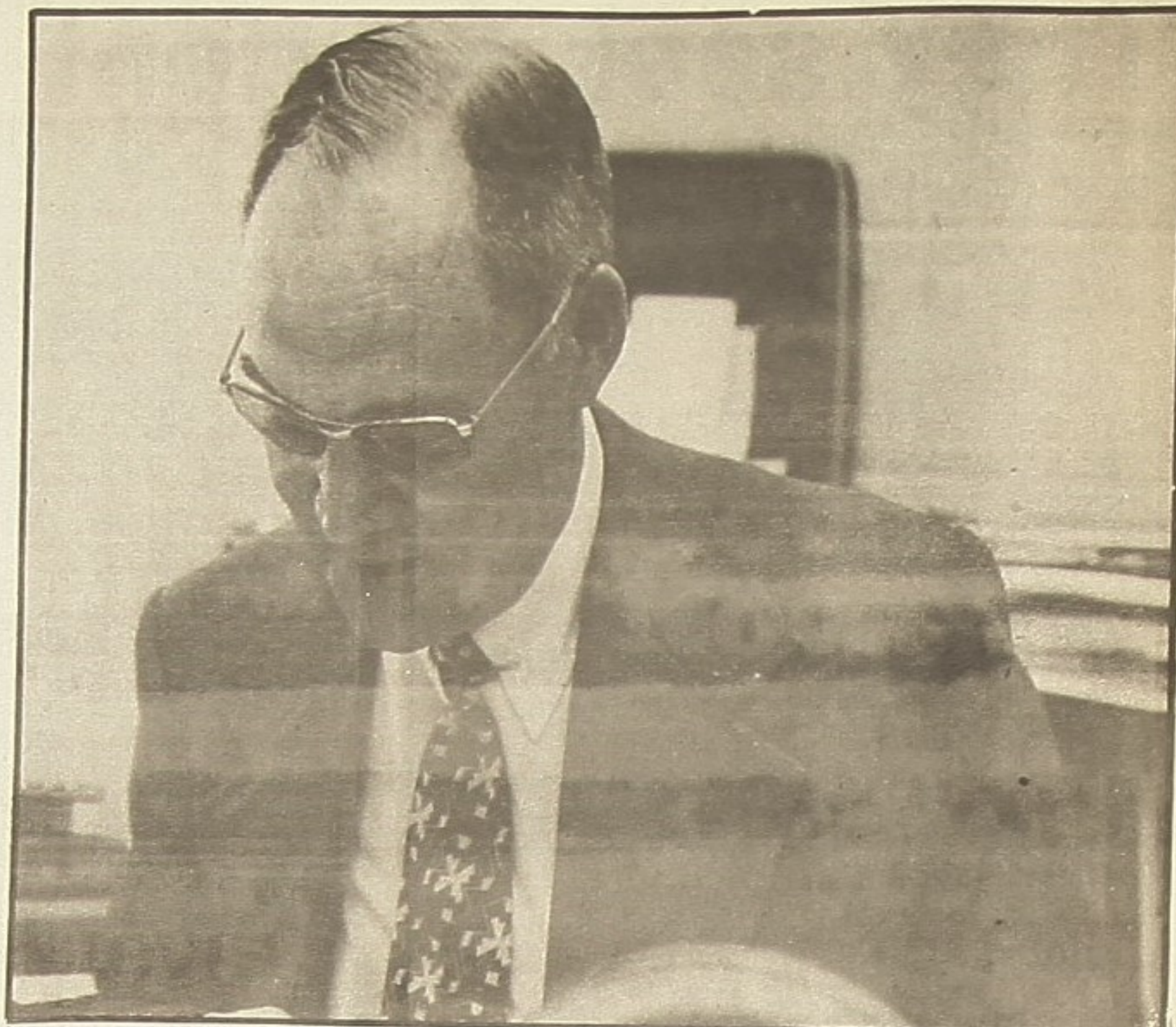
A native of Omaha, Neb., Dr. Ferron received his B.S. degree in 1962 from Creighton University at Omaha. He obtained his M.A. in 1967 from Southern Methodist University at Dallas, Texas and his Ph.D. was earned in 1971 from Kansas State University.

Doris Ferron, his wife, is a homemaker and part-time medical technologist. They have six children.

In addition to teaching at Missouri Southern since 1971, Dr. Ferron was an instructor at Kansas State University 1969-70 and taught 1964-68 at Westside Community Schools in Omaha and 1962-64 for the Milwaukee Public Schools.

He belongs to the American Society for Microbiology, Sigma Xi, Beta Beta Beta, the American Association for the Advancement of Sciences and the Missouri Academy of Science.

Dr. Ferron was named among the Outstanding College Educators of America in 1973 and Outstanding Educators of Missouri in 1975.



DR. HAROLD COOPER

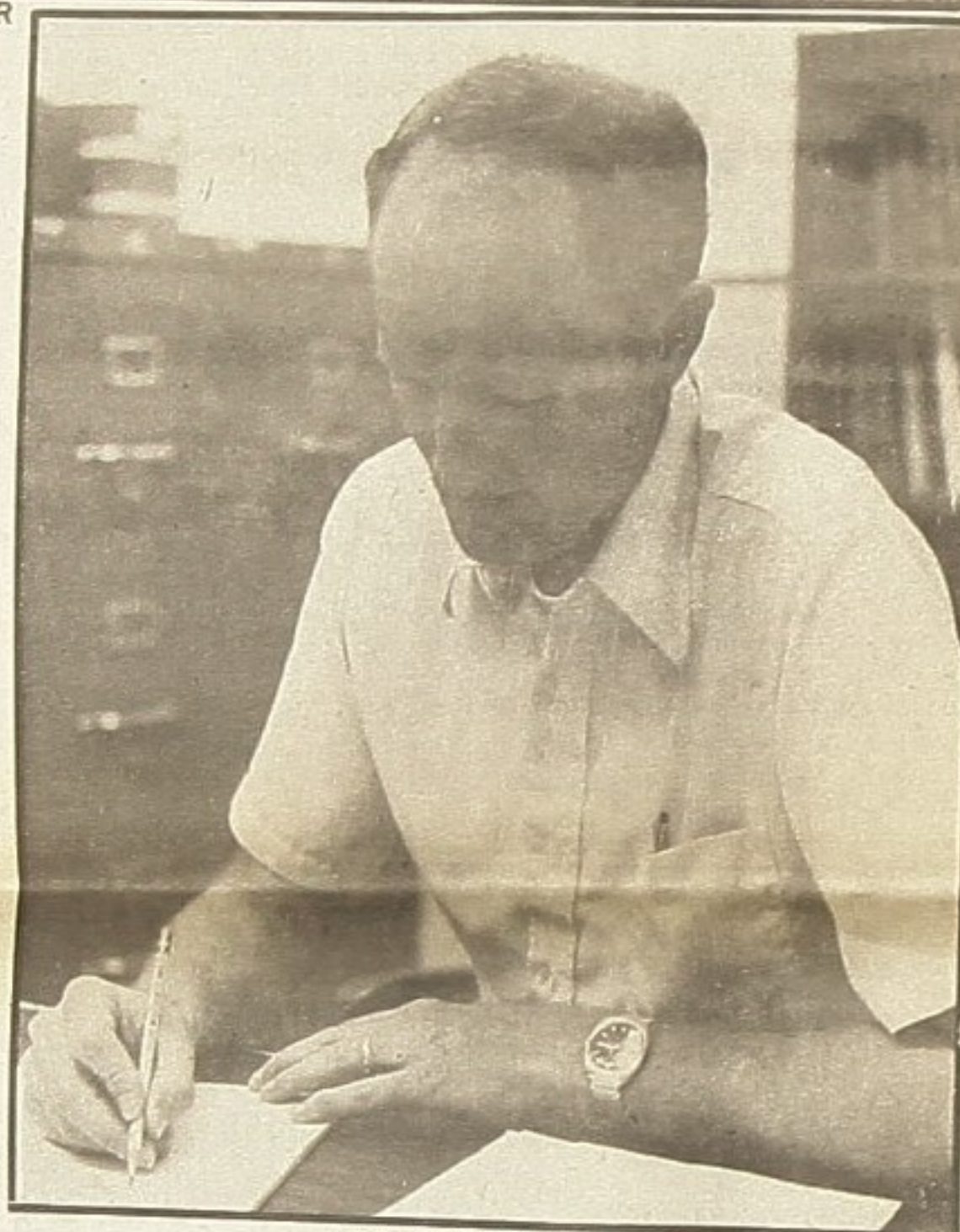
Dr. Oldham heads P.E.

Chairing the Department of Physical Education is Dr. Max Oldham. He obtained his doctorate of education in 1976 from Oklahoma State University and earlier his B.S. from Southwest Missouri State University and M.S. from Pittsburg State University.

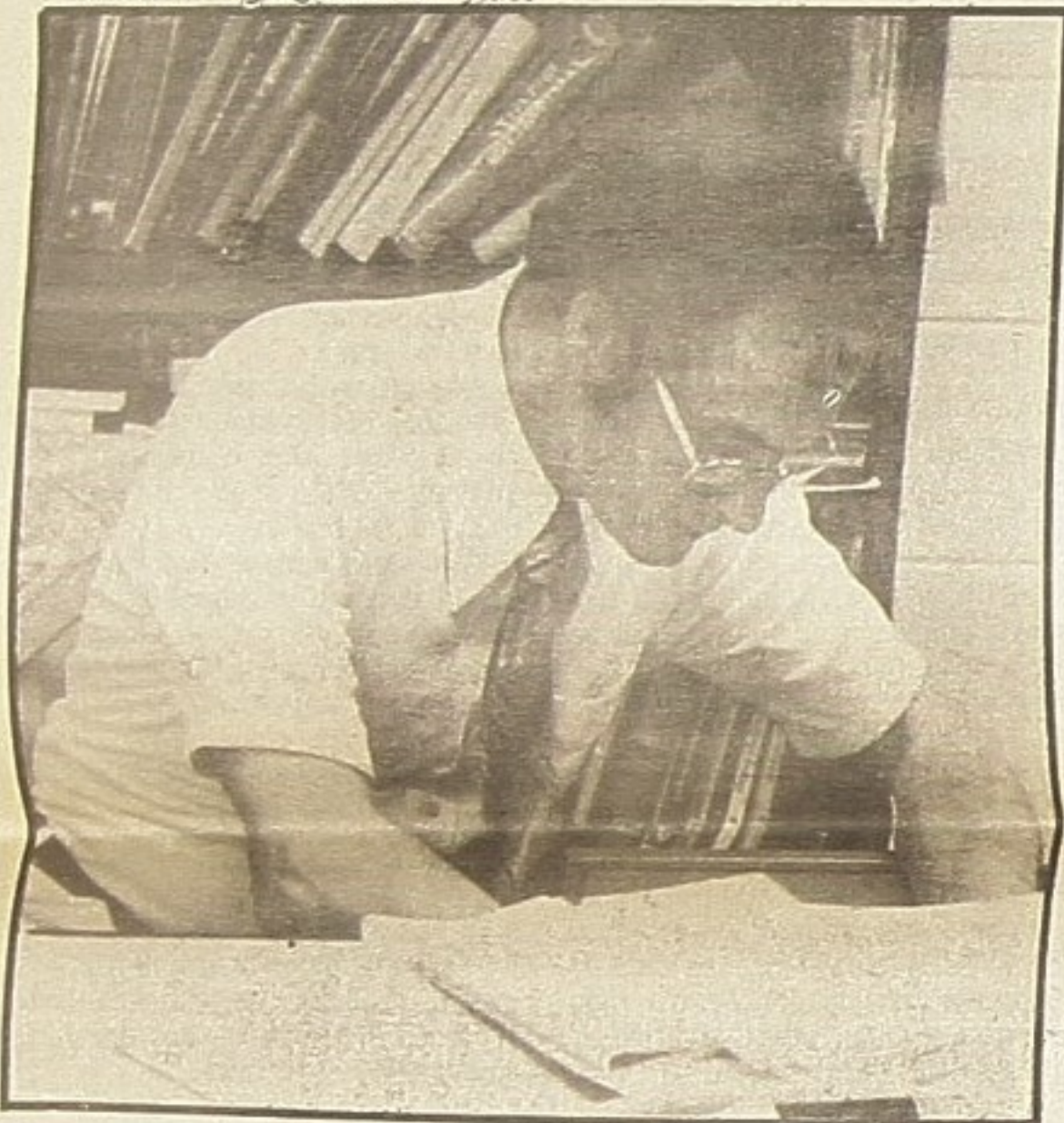
Dr. Oldham has been at Missouri Southern since 1973. In 1965-71 he taught at Sterling College, 1963-65 at Carthage High School, and at Mountain Grove High School from 1958-63.

His memberships include the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education and Recreation, the Missouri Alliance for Health, Physical Education and Recreation, the Central State Chapter for Sports and Medicine, and the Joplin Exchange Club.

Janice Oldham, his wife, is a teacher's aide for the Joplin R-VIII Schools. They have a son, Mark, who is a high school student and a daughter, Amy, who is in grade school.



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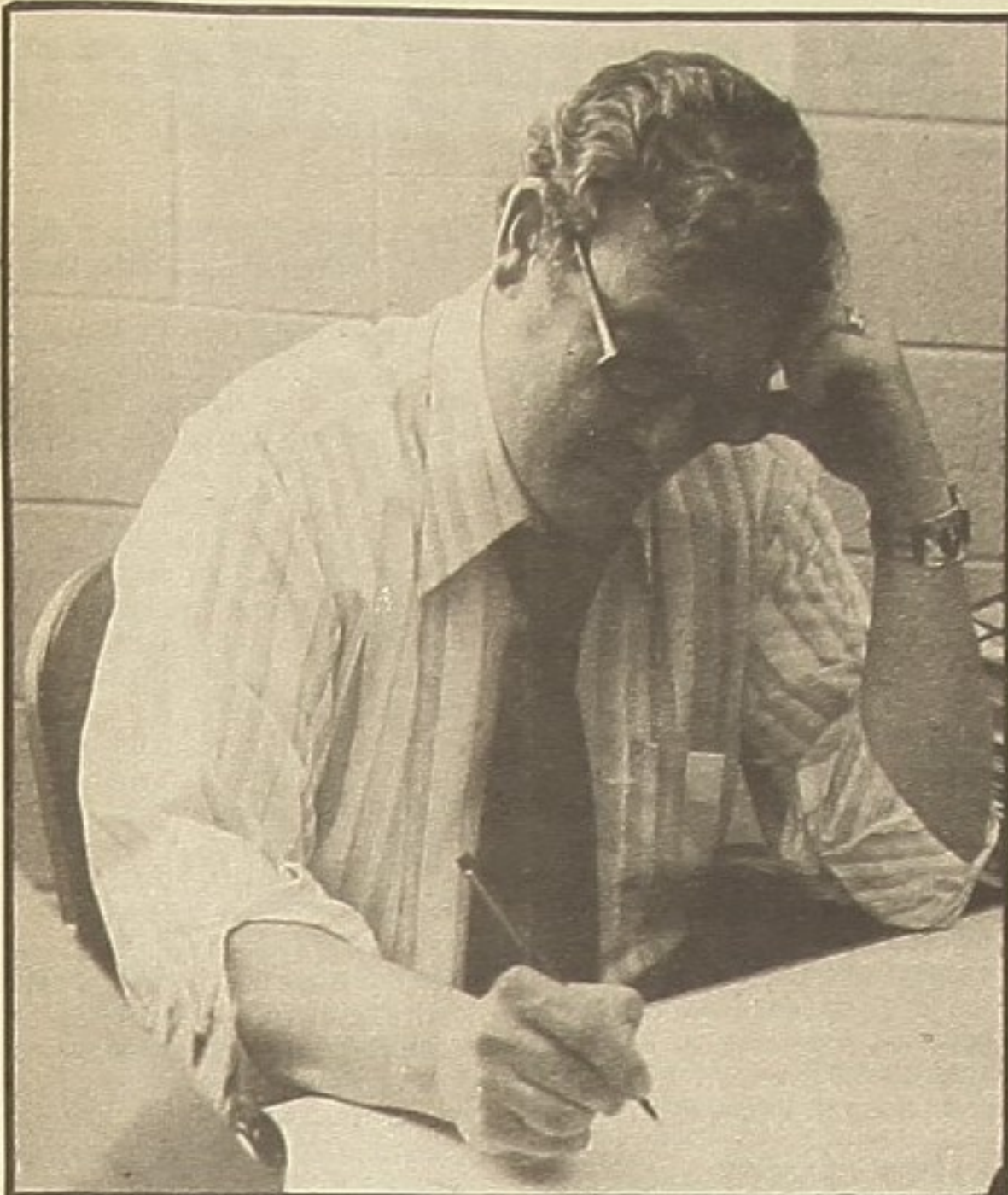
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DR. J. MERRELL JUNKINS

Merrell Junkins chairs psychology department

A former member and president of the Joplin R-8 school board, former consultant of Crisis Intervention and member of the Jasper County Mental Health Association, Dr. Merrell Junkins chairs the department of psychology and is active in numerous campus and community organizations.

Junkins is an alumnus of Joplin Junior College and received his B.S. and M.S. degrees from Pittsburg State University. He completed his doctorate of education in 1970 at Oklahoma State University.

He and his wife, Imo have four children. Steve and Gail are graduates of Southern; Tommy and Julie currently attend the college.

Head of the department since 1970, he also was Director of Guidance and Testing in 1968-70. He taught at Jasper Community College in 1966-68, Joplin Junior College in 1963-66 and earlier in the Joplin Public Schools, Greenwood Schools and Central City Schools in Newton County, and Duenweg Public Schools.

In 1974, he received an Outstanding Educator Award and was listed in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

On campus, he has previously served on the Student Affairs Committee, Athletic Committee, Subcommittee on Advisement and Counseling, Sub-Committee on Faculty Evaluation and secretary of the Faculty Senate. Presently he is a member of the Administrative Council.

His memberships include the American Personnel and Guidance Association, the Association of Col-

Friday Forum to hear state lawmakers

Missouri Southern's Legislators Forum will be held Friday and feature State Representative Tom Carver, Joplin, and State Representative Steve Lampo, Neosho.

The event will begin at 10 a.m. in Phinney Recital Hall with debate questions, drawn questions and questions from the floor. At noon there will be a reception followed by a convocation by the representatives at 1 p.m. with a question and answer period.

Among the issues and legislation to be included in the day's activities are regulation of nursing homes, a proposed constitutional amendment to lower the age requirement for membership of both the Senate and House to twenty-one years, a sovereign immunity law, collective bargaining for public employees and possible presidential preference primary elections.

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Dr. F. Joe Sims heads fine arts department

On an average weekday, Dr. F. Joe Sims's desk will be crowded and crammed with papers, music books and resumes.

Last week, with teacher evaluations, a spring concert and various senior recitals, was enough to make the head of the department glance down at his desk and sigh.

"It's not always like this," smiled the head of the fine arts department. "Don't tell them it's always a mess."

With his plans for next year, it may be some time before the top of the desk is visible, provided, said Sims, approval is given for an increase in the fine arts budget, to be used for scholarships for music students.

"In the past years, we've only had money to give out in awards," he said.

In last year's budget, the department received \$15,000 for such purposes. The majority of the money, however, has been used for band students. That's changing, too, according to Sims, to expand recruiting.

"We want to attract both numbers and quality students. With an increase, I think we can," he said.

Recruiting students has been a problem, according to him, with no scholarships available. Last year, for example, Sims had anticipated signing on three "particularly talented" music students. Each was offered a scholarship from other colleges, however, and chose to attend elsewhere.

"That's our main problem," said Sims, who has been at Southern for eight years. "We have to start attrac-

ting more talented musicians. The more talent we have, the more talent we'll get."

Current recruitment efforts are slim, according to Sims, due to the lack of time teachers in the music department have.

"Coaches have time to go around to schools; we don't. That's what we need: more personal time spent with prospective students," he said.

High school students are contacted by Sims when he receives a computer printout of area students interested in campus music organizations or ensembles. A letter is also sent to area high school counselors announcing the annual audition for the marching band.

Sims, who received his doctor of education from the University of New Mexico, is not happy with those methods.

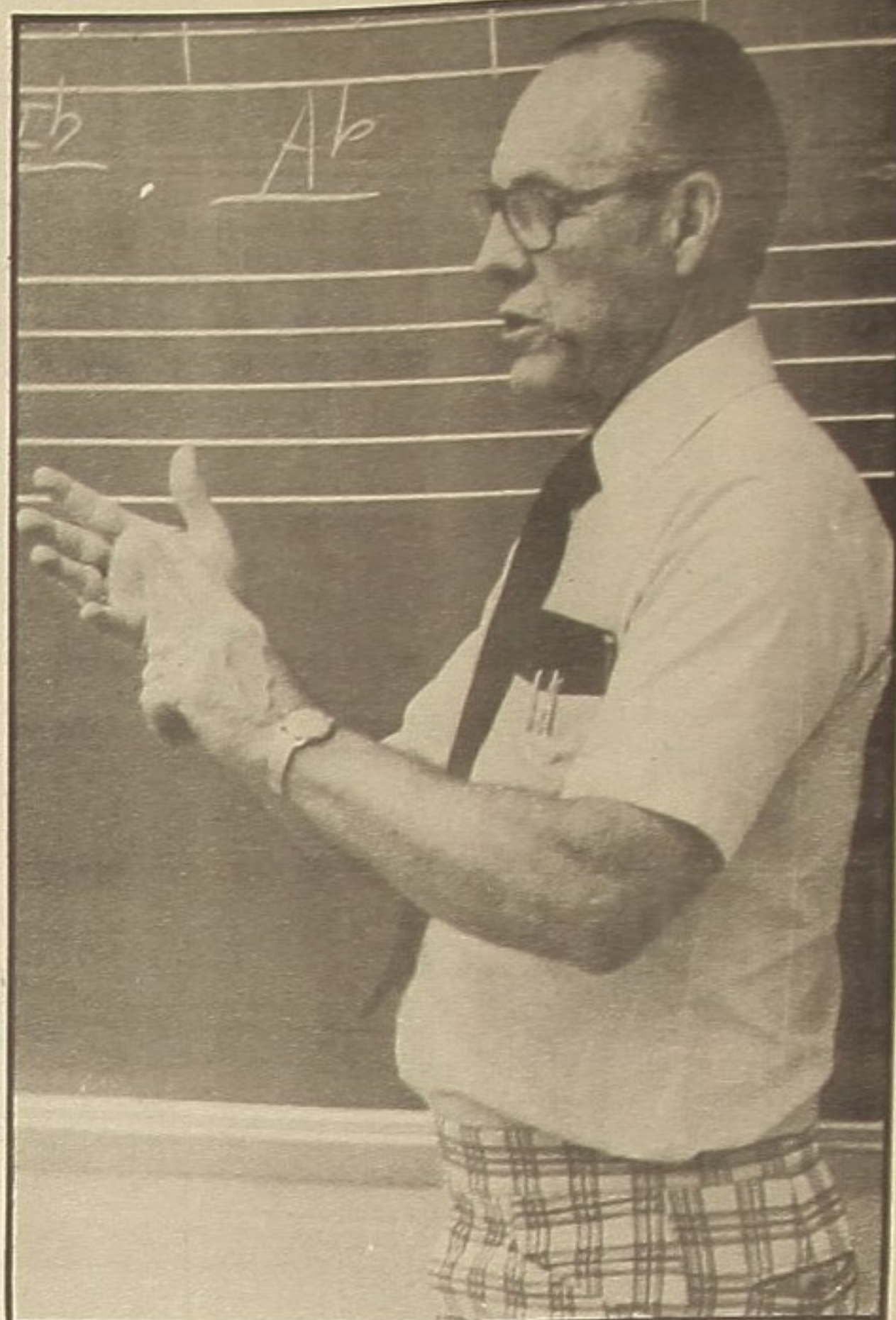
"It all stems back to getting good musicians on campus. We can't expect a musician to come to us," he said.

One way of attracting students the head of the department is considering is enlisting the aid of patrons to give money to the music department. This proposal, however, is awaiting approval, as is the proposed increase in money for scholarships.

If approved, Sims says he can see the current list of 30 music majors offered by the college increasing to 70 or 75 within four years.

"That may be a little high, but I don't think it's unrealistic."

"I'm planning, you see, on this all snowballing," he smiled.



DR. F. JOE SIMS

New international club to foster relations with foreign students

A new club to foster friendship between foreign and American students is being formed at Missouri Southern, according to club sponsor Dr. Carmen Carney.

The group will hold a meeting at 1

p.m. Thursday in the partitioned area of the cafeteria in the College Union. All interested persons are encouraged to attend.

Carney says that at the first meeting seven foreign students were

present and voiced a goal to become closer to American students. She explained that the group will be work-

ing on selecting people for offices and gaining an accepted campus constitution.

Further information can be obtained by reaching Carney in her campus office in room L4.

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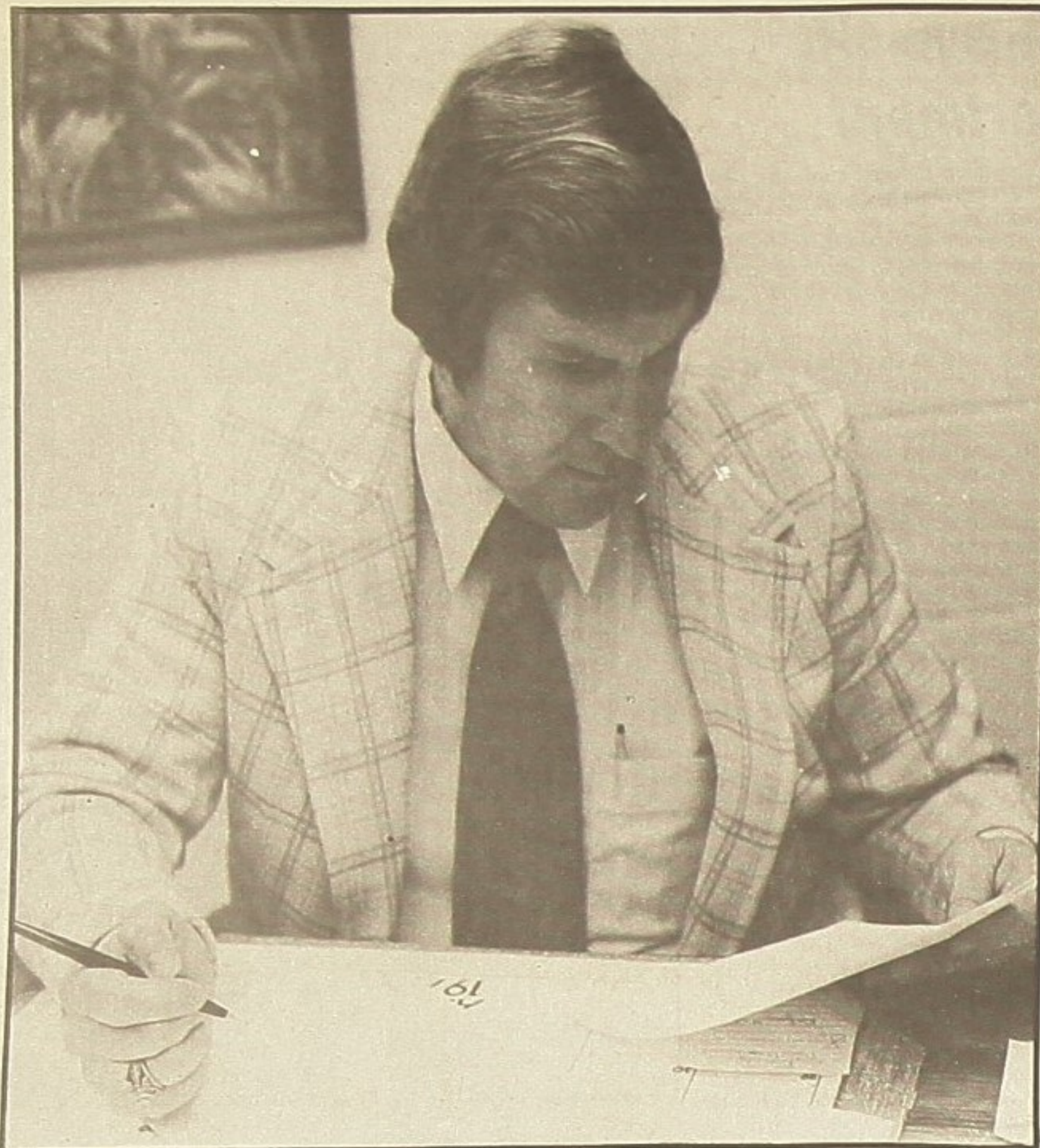
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DR. GLENN DOLENCE

Rifle team brings home honors from Illinois, Nebraska shoots

The Missouri Southern State College Rifle Team brought home a number of awards from two recent matches they attended. At the Thirty-First Annual Big 10 Match at University of Illinois, Champaign.

Southern shooters took a third place trophy in a field of sixteen teams.

In the individual competition, Kevin Cornell, Joplin, took the fifth place and Diana Davis, Neosho, took

the sixth place trophy over other shooters.

The rifle team copped second place behind University of Colorado last weekend at the University of Nebraska Big Eight Match in Lincoln.

In individual competition Southern again excelled, with the first, second and third place awards in prone position going to Terry Thompson, Carthage, Diana Davis and Kevin Cornell respectively.

In the kneeling position, Cornell took third place and in standing position, Diana Davis took third place over 40 other shooters. In the overall competition, Cornell finished fourth and Davis finished sixth.

The shooters will receive special recognition at the Military Science Department's Cadet Awards Day presentation on May 4 in the College Union.

Dolence students' dean

Growing up on a dairy farm, educated in a two room schoolhouse, receiving a scholarship to play college football and participating in the Tangerine Bowl twice are a few experiences in the life of Glenn Dolence, Dean of Student Services at Missouri Southern.

Dolence was born in Goodman, Mo., and at an early age his parents moved to Neosho and started a dairy farm. His father came to America from Germany when he was six years old. Both his father and mother, who was born in the United States, received only a sixth grade education.

"Before I went to school I was up at 4 in the morning with the rest of the family and we all helped milk the 80 head of cattle," said Dolence.

JAYBIRD WAS the name of the two room schoolhouse which Dolence attended for his first seven years of school. One room housed grades 1-4 and the other room had grades 5-8.

"There was a slight advantage for me by going to a school of this type," remembered Dolence. "When I was in 8th grade I transferred to Neosho's public grade school because we moved off our farm. But I was already familiar with some of the work they were teaching math class because at Jaybird I would watch the teacher instruct the older students and gradually pick things up."

Dolence's father had to sell the farm and move into the town of Neosho due to an injury. While in his high school years Dolence participated in football, tennis and track and received a partial scholarship to play football at Missouri Valley College in Marshall, Mo.

"MISSOURI VALLEY was a very small college totalling around 500 students in a very small community so everyone had the chance to know each other," said Dolence. "There wasn't too much planned for activities but most of the students made the best of it and had an enjoyable experience."

Playing football gave Dolence a chance to travel out of the state for games and the two most memorable trips were to the Tangerine Bowl in Orlando, Fla., in 1955-56.

"We tied the first game against a college from Pennsylvania 6-6 and I just can't remember the name of the team we beat the second year 13-6," said Dolence. "The Tangerine Bowl

at that time was the largest bowl in the country for small colleges.

ALL THE PROCEEDS from the game went to the Hereanna Crippled Children Home in Orlando. During the week prior to the game all the players spent some time each day visiting with the kids in the home. Most of the children in the home were under 8 years of age."

At Missouri Valley Dolence started out as a business major before changing to a physical education major with a minor in history and science. Since Dolence was only on a partial scholarship he spent much of his free hours working part time.

"My first job was doing paper work for a CPA at night but then he moved out of town and I started working the night shift from 6-1 at Banquet Foods," said Dolence. "What made the job tough was I was carrying 21 hours my final semester in order to graduate in three and a half years and I was still playing football."

AFTER GRADUATING he taught several years at Neosho High School. Dolence received his M.S. degree from Kansas State at Pittsburg. Dolence then was Director of Guidance and Counseling in Neosho and served as assistant principal at Neosho High School in 1966-67. In 1967 Dolence became Director of Curriculum in Neosho. At the beginning of 1968 Dolence resigned from his position to finish his residency requirement for his doctorate at the University of Arkansas.

"After working in the position of an educational administrator I really enjoyed the job so that is the reason I resigned from Neosho so I could finish my degree and move on in the administrative area," said Dolence.

Dolence started at Southern as Dean of Men and in 1971 he was also added the title of Director of

Athletics on campus. Then in the fall of 1973 Dean of Student Services.

"I WAS ONLY Director of Athletics for two years but in 1972 our football team won the National Championship and we hosted the semi-final and final round at Jungs Stadium in Joplin," said Dolence. "That was a real nuts and bolts operation getting everything ready for both of those games. Everyone involved worked real hard and the Jaycees in Joplin were a real help by handling the ticket sales so well."

In his tenth year on campus Dolence feels the only area that Southern is lacking in is their intramural program.

"I'm not saying that the intramurals that are offered here at Southern are not run properly. I just feel there are not enough facilities such as gym space, handball and racquetball courts, and swimming pool to accommodate the varied interest of our students on campus," said Dolence. "When we get the proper facilities which are in the planning stages I believe the intramurals will progress also."

WHEN DOLENCE has free time he loves to work outdoors. Over the past summer he constructed a two car garage and a screened in porch onto his home. Dolence also enjoys going to the lake to spend weekends and relax.

"I guess since I work inside for a living I like to spend as much time outside as I can," said Dolence. "When I'm at the lake I do enjoy fishing even though I'm not very good at it."

For the past two years Dolence has taken up jogging at least 2 miles every morning. Still retaining his habits of his years on the farm Dolence rises at 5:30 for his mornin workout.

Chart takes awards in state competition

Staff members of The Chart took 12 individual awards, including six first place awards, in state competition in Columbia this week.

In judging sponsored by the Missouri College Newspaper Association, The Chart won the sweepstakes award for overall achievements during the year.

First place in news reporting went to The Chart for its special edition on the death of Dr. Leon Billingsly, college president. The edition was written, edited and published in an 8 hour span on a Sunday.

Susan Campbell of Webb City took first place honors in feature writing, as well as receiving an honorable mention. Eva Ensor of Joplin won second place.

Ron Roberson of Joplin won first place in cartoons.

Miss Campbell took first place in special columns, with Chart staffer Jim Ellison of Joplin winning third place.

Charles Ross West of Joplin received first place and Blaine Kelly of Joplin second place in critical reviewing.

Miss Campbell won first place for in depth reporting, and shared third place with Marie Ceselski of Joplin for a jointly written story.

Ron Kemm of Joplin won second place for sports features.

The city of Joplin, Missouri, Parks & Recreation Dept., is looking for lifeguards for city swimming pools this summer. Pay ranges from \$2.00 to \$2.21 per hour. Interested persons should contact the Personnel Office at 303 East 3rd Street.

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A statement by Jerry Wells, president of the Board of Regents:

"In November of last year our college was struck with a shocking loss by the death of the man who had been its President from its inception. It became immediately apparent to the Board that among the many assets he left was an administrative staff, faculty and support persons who were willing to carry on and accept the additional burdens which would be required of them during a period of time until a permanent and final presidency could be found. We are particularly appreciative of the efforts of Dr. Belk and Dr. Shipman who carried on not only their ordinary responsibilities and tasks but assumed additional burdens which had been assumed previously by Dr. Billingsly.

"In retrospect, my participation on the Screening Committee was one of the most rewarding and inspirational experiences that I have been given the honor to participate in. It was

most interesting to watch this cross-section of men act with such devotion, thoroughness, honesty and sincerity, under the leadership of Senator Webster and Dr. Leon. This Committee has come away with not only an excellent candidate, but with a feeling of renewness of purpose and a conviction that there were no differences that, with some dedication, they could not overcome. It has become apparent to the Board that we have reached a point of renewal and that having reached this point, we can embark upon a new dimension improving our areas of weakness and expanding our areas of strengths.

"The Board feels that we must now, together, perfect a plan to determine a clear sense of direction. We further feel that we must embark upon a substantive plan to improve our standards of excellence and that the students who attend Missouri Southern do so because of the quality of education that they will receive. To accomplish these attainable goals, we must have a leader who has experience, enthusiasm, dedication,

and an ability to inspire.

"We have found such a person. He has excellent credentials and background: 1. a B.A.—William and Mary, 2. Masters—University of Michigan—Economics, 3. Ph.D.—University of Michigan—Economics.

"He was an instructor, assistant professor and director of research at Ohio University. He has been Associate Professor and an Assistant Department Head at Virginia Polytech Institute and while at that University, he was a member of the Board of Directors of its Athletic Association. He also was responsible at that institution for its honors program and participated in teaching in

that honors program. He participated as an Education Fellow in the Academic Administration of the American Council of Education at the University of Utah for one year. He has participated in the Ford Foundation Faculty Seminar at the University of Washington and the National Science Foundation Seminar at the University of California at Berkeley.

Since 1973 he has been at Mansfield State College in Mansfield, Pennsylvania, first as its Vice President for Academic Affairs and presently as its interim President. Interestingly enough, both as Vice President and President, he continued to teach a course in Economics. He has been a consultant for two principal economic texts and has been responsible for the commencement of research in regional economic development. He has acquired an additional asset that equals these fine accomplishments, and that is a charming, intelligent, gifted and dedicated wife, Joyce, who is a competent teacher in her own right. They have two children, a son Randy, who is in his second year of vet school and is getting married June 16, and a daughter, Becky, who is graduating as a geologist this June.

It is with pleasure that I introduce to you the man who will direct our destiny into the 80's, the new President of Missouri Southern State College, Dr. Donald Darnton."



President Darnton greets Robert Harris as Charles Thelen, both of the music faculty, waits at a reception in honor of the Darntons after Friday's public announcement.

...it had been a well-kept secret after much work

It was the best kept secret on campus.

For two days rumors swirled as to the identity of the next president. Three names were prominently mentioned, then two, and then one dominated the rumors.

But the name of Dr. Donald Darnton, economist from Pennsylvania, was never among the rumors.

The selection process had been a long and tedious one. It began with the soliciting of nominations and the placement of advertisements for the position as president. Deadline for applications was March 15.

The Presidential Search and

Screening Committee met together twice before that date, and each member of the committee spent several hours each week poring over applications.

Then on Friday, March 16, the committee went into session at noon and remained in session until 5 that afternoon. When the committee emerged, it had narrowed the 237 applications down to 27 for serious consideration.

Sub-committees were appointed, each of the three sub-committees consisting of at least one faculty member and one regent. Each sub-committee was given nine names for

further investigation. Members of the sub-committees took two or three names each and launched an intensive investigation into the background of these individuals.

References were called, checked, verified, and called again. When the full committee next met on Sunday, April 1, it was for 6½ hours. Each of the 27 candidates was examined, reported on by the investigator, discussed, and at the end of the session, only 10 names remained for further consideration.

These 10 persons were brought to campus on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, April 7, 8, and 9. On Saturday the committee met at 12 noon and began the process of personally interviewing four candidates that day. The committee adjourned at 8:30 p.m., having taken only a 15 break for cold sandwiches at 3:15.

On the next day the committee went into session at 11 a.m. Five candidates were interviewed, and the

day ended at 10:30 p.m. for most committee members. Again, there had been only a 15 minute lunch break.

Monday was reserved for interviewing one candidate. That interview began at 8 a.m. By 10 the committee had finished the interview and went into session to vote for the "up to five names" to be submitted to the regents. Three candidates were unanimous choices of the 11 members of the committee. One received 10 votes. No other candidate received more than one vote. Dr. Donald Darnton was one of three unanimous choices of the committee.

The committee, voting to submit four names to the regents, then adjourned. It was 11 a.m.

Immediately the regents went to work. They summoned the four candidates and their spouses to campus for interviews on the following Monday and Tuesday, April 16 and 17.

Late Tuesday night, interviews concluded, the regents went into executive session and voted unanimously to extend an offer to Dr. Darnton.

All members of the committee were reported to be jubilant at the manner in which the search had been conducted. Faculty members especially have said that everything "was above board" at all times, that there was a great spirit of camaraderie which developed among committee members, and that the interviewing process itself was "a tremendous educational experience."

"The regents on the committee were more than helpful and considerate," said one faculty member. "They more than listened to faculty expressions; they solicited them at every turn. On that committee we saw the renewal of spirit of this college, and we saw the brightest hopes

possible for the future."

But not even the members of the screening committee were to know the choice of the regents for the presidency. It was not until 12 noon last Friday, as members gathered for lunch and as Dr. Darnton walked in that they knew the search was, indeed, over.

Dr. Darnton walked into the dining room, went to each committee member and called the person by his first name and shook hands.

Dr. Darnton had arrived on campus.

With him was the wife whom committee members, for the most part, had not met.

Lunch proceeded with the Darntons engaging in light conversation. Mrs. Darnton had Dave Meadows, Student Senate president, sitting beside her. Then on to the auditorium where the faculty and staff heard the announcement.

Students welcome Dr. and Mrs. Darnton. . .

Afro-American Society

President: Vincent Featherson
Sponsor: Dr. Henry Morgan

The Afro-American Society sponsors a Black Awareness Week each spring and has established a Langston Hughes Scholarship in memory of the Joplin-born black poet.

Alpha Psi Omega (Dramatic Fraternity)

President: Raymond Lee
Sponsor: Mr. Duane L. Hunt

National honorary society for those involved in the theatre.

Association for Childhood Education

President: Joyce Mann
Sponsor: Dr. Michael Banks

An active group of education majors devoted to their chosen profession.

Association of Women Students

Students
President: Danette Banks
Sponsor: Dr. Rosemary Curb

This sponsored several seminars on women's rights, the ERA, and other issues related specifically to human rights.

Baptist Student Union

President: Steve Mertens

Sponsors: Dr. Leland Easterday and Mr. John Tiede.

Maintains a full calendar of activities in their one-year building across the campus on Duquesne Road.

Beta Beta Beta (Biology)

President: Charles Swanson

Sponsors: Dr. William L. Ferron and Dr. Sam E. Gibson

Instrumental in the establishment of the nature trail and maintaining the ecological area on the northwest side of the campus.

Chi Epsilon Phi (Chemistry, Physics, Engineering)

President: Jim Dawley

Sponsors: Dr. Phillip Whittle, Dr. Russell Phillips, and Mr. Marion Sloane.

This organization is perhaps the only of its kind in the United States. It is composed of those students with interests in the three fields and was formed from three separate organizations. They work in research.

Circle K Club

President: Rab Thomas

Sponsor: Dr. Tom Holman

New this year on campus the organization has sponsored a spook house, Christmas decorations, and various fund raising activities for scholarships.

Ciruna

President: Marie Ceselski

Sponsors: Mrs. Annetta St. Clair, Dr. Robert Markman, and Ms. Jo Challman

Sponsors a fall and spring history conference, model United Nations, and attends the Midwest Model United Nations in St. Louis each spring. An active organization involved in international activities.

College Players

President: Kathy Lay

Sponsors: Mr. Milton Brietzke and Mr. Duane L. Hunt
These are the people who put on the college theatre productions. They're hard-working individuals interested in all facets of production. They participate in Homecoming, College Bowl, and every activity they can find time for. And somehow, they manage to find lots of time.

Computer Science League

President: Timothy Pearson

Sponsors: Mr. James Gray and Mr. John Cragin

This organization is for the students whose interest lies in computer science. They study, work, and play together for the furthering of their professional knowledge.

Delta Gamma Sorority

President: Kimberly Hayworth

Sponsors: June Freund and Sallie Beard

One of the three sororities on campus, the DG's are active in every way. They're famous for their spirit and enthusiasm.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Presidents: Scott Schulte and Cherrie Dickerman

Sponsor: Coach Chuck Williams

Regular meetings to study the Bible and to engage in Christian Fellowship enable this group to bring campus athletes closer together in a spiritual bond.

Gold Bar Club

President: Terry Driskill

Sponsor: Capt. Warren G. Garlock

This is a new ROTC organization that promotes scholarship and leadership.

Industrial Technology Club

President: Richard Stewart

Sponsors: Roger Adams, Mary Ann Gremling, Don Schultz, Robert Gelso

Perhaps the largest club on campus, it belongs to all students in a technical area. The club is famous for its Homecoming displays, floats, and spirit, as well as for their ingenuity and creativity.

Kappa Alpha (Delta Pi Chapter)

President: Steve McKay

Sponsors: Marion Sloane and Dr. Vonnice Prentice

KA's are probably the same everywhere, but at Southern KA's have the distinction of being the only Greek organization with its own house. It's located at 7th and Duquesne Road.

Dr. Baiamonte heads physical sciences

While life elsewhere in the world of chemistry and physical science is hopping around at the speed of an atom, the physical science department at Southern is in much the same position it was eight years ago. Students generally don't major in physical science or chemistry. Rather, they use the department as a springboard to other majors.

But that's alright with Dr. Vernon D. Baiamonte, head of the department. He's perfectly content with the size of his domain.

"We are a service to other departments," he said. "Students usually come here to fulfill requirements for other degrees."

Indeed, with a faculty fluctuating between seven and nine, the department graduates about five chemistry majors a year.

Which means most students enrolled in a physics or chemistry course are there because their handbook requires it.

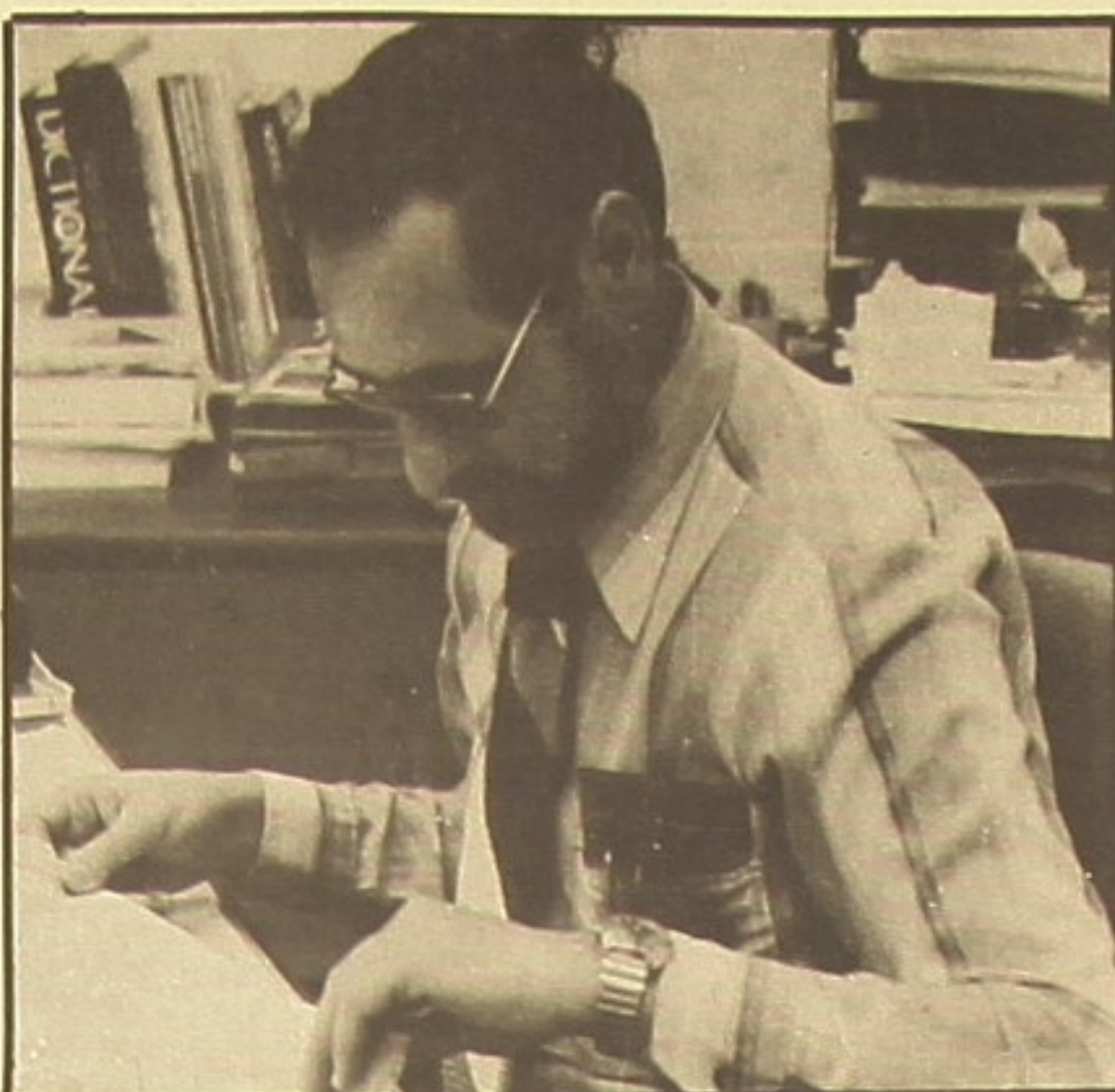
Which makes for a touchy teaching situation for Baiamonte, who teaches about nine hours a semester.

Which should get pretty frustrating.

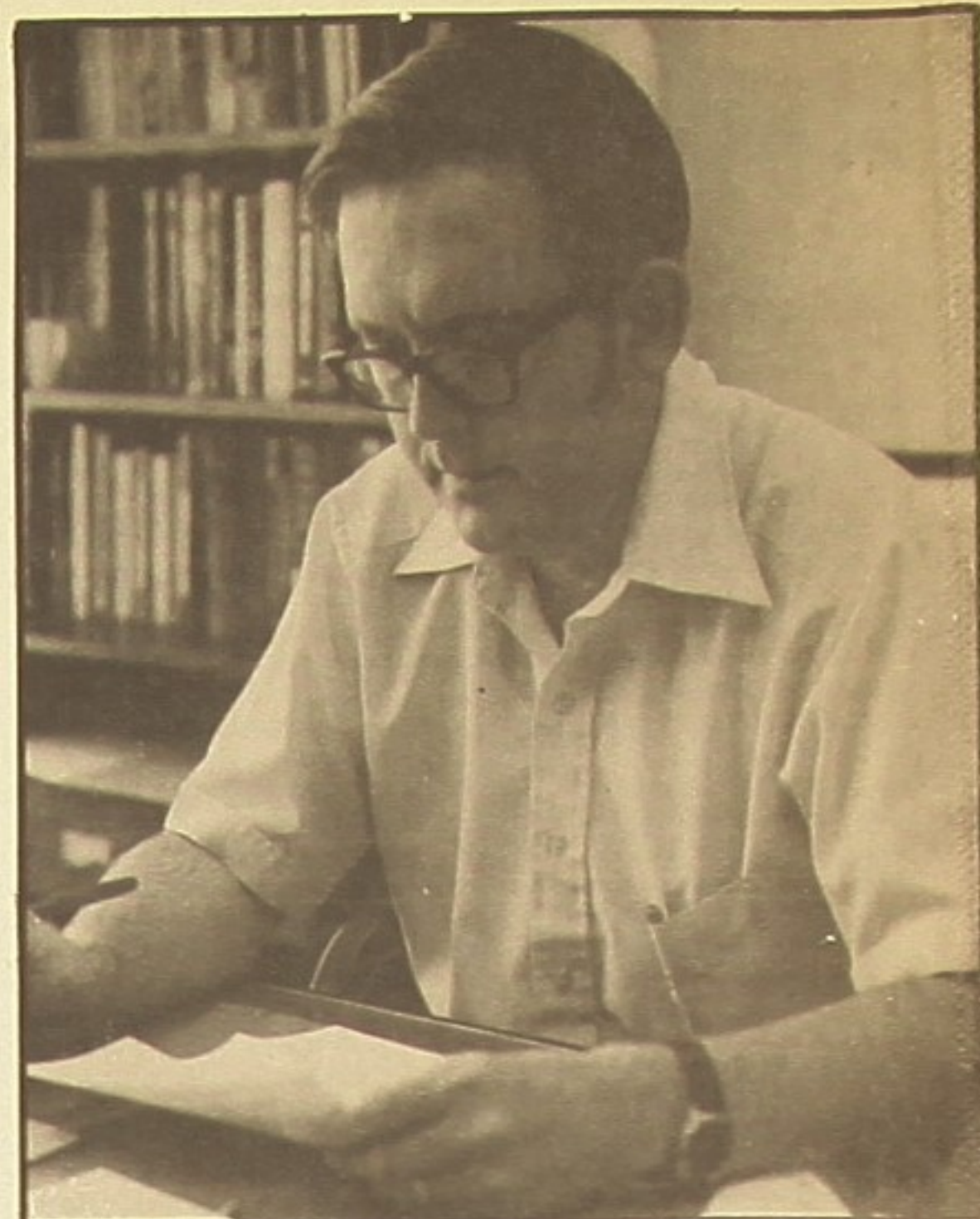
"Not really," said the Colorado State University graduate. "It's a challenge to simplify things for students who aren't chemistry majors."

Besides a B.A. in chemistry, the department offers four other degrees: B.S. in physics, B.S. in physics education; B.S. in chemistry, and B.S. in education of chemistry.

Like other departments, physical science loses students transferring to other colleges after two years.



DR. VERNON BAIAMONTE



DR. ROBERT SMITH

Student has third place in state

Janice Vore of Pierce City, a student at Missouri Southern, has received third place in the Missouri Student Nurse of the Year competition. She had previously been named MSSC's Student Nurse of the Year.

Miss Vore, a 1974 graduate of Pierce City High School, will receive an associate of science degree from Southern and a bachelor of science degree from School of the Ozarks in Point Lookout in May. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Vore of Pierce City.

To qualify for Missouri Student Nurse of the Year a student must meet the following qualifications: a grade point average of 3.0 or above; be a member of Missouri Student Nurses' Association; and have participated in community activities such as volunteer work and community services.

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Dr. Smith chairs social sciences

After obtaining his B.S. degree from Northwest Missouri State College, and his M.A. and Ph.D. from Oklahoma State University, Dr. Robert Smith taught at East Buchanan High School in Gower, Mo. Smith then taught at Kansas City Community College, before coming to Southern.

Smith has spent the last seven years at Southern and is now head of the Social Sciences Department. While doing graduate work at the University of Wisconsin, he participated in an India Studies Program which studies the history and cultures of Southeast Asia. Smith taught in the School of Chemical Engineering while at OSU and also

wrote a book on the subject.

In his spare time, Smith likes to go fishing, going to ballgames, and listening to music. He also likes to read in his spare time, but, he admits, "the incentive to read is given to all those who receive their Ph.D."

An American Indian historian is what Smith claims to be, and he enjoys researching and writing about the American Indians. Smith has a wife Ann, and two children, Rob, 12, and Theresa, 10. He has been teaching 19 years and he enjoys teaching at Southern more than at a high school.

"There are few discipline problems here," said Smith. "It makes teaching so much easier," he said.

Two Southern students win top chemistry prizes

Two Missouri Southern students were presented the top chemistry awards at the annual awards banquet of the Southeast Kansas section of the American Chemical Society last week.

Deborah Buzzard, a junior chemistry major from Joplin, received the Eleventh Annual Eula Ratekin Scholarship Award of \$250 to be applied toward tuition and fees. The award goes to the outstanding upper division student majoring in Chemistry at Southern and is made possible through the contributions of five local companies: Bruce Williams

Laboratories, Eagle-Pitcher Industries, Inc. (Electronics Division), Farmers Chemical Company, W.R. Grace and Company (Agricultural Chemicals Group) and Gulf Oil Chemicals Company (Industrial and Specialty Chemicals Division).

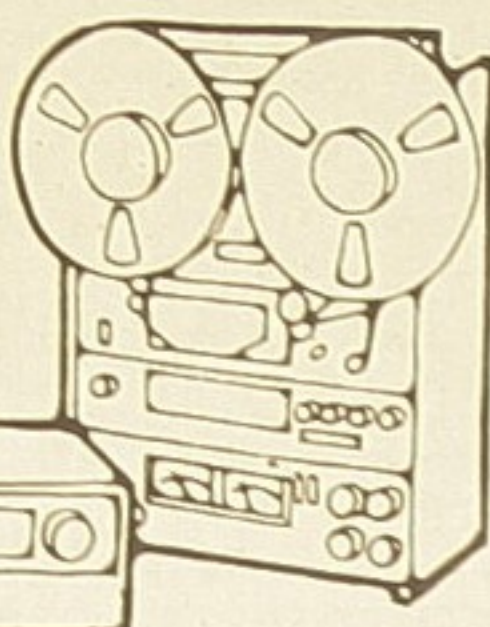
Ricky Richardson of Cartersville was given the Freshman Chemistry Achievement Award which is a contribution by the Chemical Rubber Company of their 6th edition of *CRC Handbook of Chemistry and Physics*. The award is given annually to the top chemistry major in the freshman class.

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